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Labor calls for more fed resources, info-sharing on CW transition

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Department of Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero says the CNMI's current practice of having to file Freedom of Information Act requests so that the federal government divulges crucial labor data on the contract worker program has got to end, urging for more seamless and open communication between local and federal government on labor issues.

"That's the only way we can plan out for our workforce development," DeLeon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview yesterday after she spoke to the local Society of Human Resources Management mem-

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Remaining charges vs ex-DPS chief dismissed

» Judge Camacho also dismisses remaining charges vs ex-cop

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday issued separate orders, dismissing without prejudice the remaining charges against former Department of Public Safety commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero and former police officer Jesse S. Concepcion.



Deleon Guerrero

Dismissal without prejudice means the Office of the Attorney General

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With its donation of $5,000, Bank of Guam is one of the gold sponsors of the 40th Annual Conference of the Pacific Circle Consortium, which is hosted by the Public School System, Northern Marianas College, and RTI International. Bank of Guam is also providing conference bags and other materials for the conferees. From left, NMC director of Institutional Effectiveness Jackie Che, PSS OPT Program manager Kimo Rosario, BOG VP/Branch manager Marcie Tomokane, BOG's Larry Philip, Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan, NMC External Relations director Frankie Eliptico, NMC School of Education director Charlotte Cepeda, and San Vicente Elementary School principal Paulette Sablan.

'Social Security pumps $28.8M into NMI economy'

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Social Security pumped $28.8 million into the CNMI's economy last year, according to SS Administration District Manager-Saipan Bridgette Camacho.



Camacho

Camacho disclosed that 2,750 people in the Commonwealth received $20.9 million from SS benefits in 2015, while another 1,033 received $7,920,000 in Supplement Security Income payments.

Camacho discussed SS programs at the 2nd Annual "One Community CNMI" Conference: Employment and Reentry—Connecting Employers and Their Employees with Government Opportunities held yesterday at Kanoa Resort Saipan's Seaside Hall.

In an interview, the SSA district manager said Supplemental Security

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'Overcrowded prisons, high cost of justice system are reaching crisis proportions'

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Overcrowded prisons and the high cost of the justice system have reached crisis proportions across the nation, according to U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the CNMI Alicia Anne Garrido Limtiaco.

Limtiaco cited that in 2010 alone, the annual cost to maintain local, state, and federal prison systems amounted to approximately $80 billion.

Furthermore, Limtiaco said, the federal prison population grew by almost 800 percent over 30 years.

Limtiaco shared the data as she underscored the importance of reentry programs in her opening remarks at the 2nd Annual "One Community CNMI" Conference: Employment and Reentry—Connecting Employers and Their Employees with Government Opportunities held yesterday at Kanoa Resort Saipan's Seaside Hall.

The U.S. Attorney's Office, in collaboration with Diverse Community Outreach Coalition, initiated the conference.

Limtiaco said national studies reported that well over 600,000 individuals are released from state and federal prisons each year.

Of these over 600,000 individuals, she said, 40 percent of federal inmates and 60 percent of state prison inmates will reoffend within three years after

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leaving prison.

Limtiaco said ultimately, 95 percent of incarcerated individuals will be released back into the community.

Citing other studies, Limtiaco said more than 2 million youth are arrested each year and more than 61,000 juveniles were placed in custody on any given day in 2011.

She said it is not uncommon for re-arrest rates for youth returning from confinement to be as high as 75 percent within three years of their release.

"If the rate of recidivism of youth and adults can be reduced, even by only a few percentage points, the impact on society and our community can be profound," Limtiaco pointed out.

She said the long-term impact of a criminal record prevents many motivated people from obtaining employment, housing, higher education, health care, and credit.

"These barriers affect returning individuals even if they have paid their debt to society, turned their lives around, and are unlikely to reoffend," she said.

"If we can reduce recidivism by helping individuals return to productive, law-abiding lives, we will reduce crime across the country and in the CNMI, make the villages and neighborhoods that we live in safer, and ultimately, improve the overall quality of life for our families, friends and everyone in our community," Limtiaco said.

She said supporting reentry and effective reentry programs—advancing policies and programs that enable men and women reentering to put their lives back on track so that they can and have the opportunity to contribute positively to society—promotes justice, fairness, and public safety.

"We as one community, must continue to work together to improve rehabilitation and reintegration opportunities," she said.

Limtiaco said this can be done by reducing barriers to employment, increasing access to education and enrichment, expanding opportunities for justice-involved youth to serve their communities, increasing access to health care and public services.

Limtiaco said this can also be realized by increasing reentry service access to incarcerated parents and their families, and seeking increased private sector commitments to support reentry.

Limtiaco cited some federal resources available to help promote rehabilitation and reintegration.

The resources include Adult

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bers on last month's "Section 902" talks on immigration and labor issues with the federal government, which was led by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres with DeLeon Guerrero as one of the principles on the team.

DeLeon Guerrero also suggested the $150 fee charged on employers per CW beneficiary was not enough to train a local workforce.

Her comments ties into concerns from other Capitol Hill officials who believe the federal government did not adequately provide resources or administrative procedures to effect a better transition to the end of the contract worker and this transitions' strain on the economy.

"…That money is very insufficient," she said, referring to the $150 fee. "Workforce training is expensive and you cannot depend on that pot of money.

"You can do a calculation. $150 times" the cap of 12,999 workers "that's like $1.9 million. That's insufficient to provide all the necessary trainings that we need to do.

She also reiterated the Torres administration's desire that the federal government's "first come, first serve" approach to approving CW permits changes so that they "prioritize those that are going for renewals."

"We think it's reasonable. We think it's prudent," she said. "Those are the ones already working with companies for so many years. You would think that would be the most ideal environment, to process those petitions through because it's a guarantee that those employees are continuing on with the companies, rather than new ones coming in and taking their quota. That will happen. But prioritize those that are being renewed for work."

One of Torres' recommendations to the federal 902 panel was to have CNMI Labor involved in sorting through applications, for example, to make sure these should be filed for CW permits rather than other visa classes so that this does not affect the CW cap on workers, which was breached for the first time since the enactment of program this year.

"It is up to the federal government to look at that," she said, "and how can we all work together between two governments and much more seamless and more responsible."

"…For example—like the construction workers—a lot of those have also been processed under CW-1, so imagine if they are not processed under CW-1. Perhaps maybe we would have never met the cap," DeLeon Guerrero added.

'Have hope'

During her presentation yesterday, the Labor secretary listed some of the recommendations, or immediate "administrative fixes," Torres' team shared with federal counterparts to alleviate the strain on the economy and families with some 1,300 workers having to leave the CNMI because of breached cap.

These workers have to leave within 10 days of their permits expiring but DeLeon Guerrero says the short 10-day period "doesn't happen in real life."

"It's important that people need to say goodbye to their families" and take care or sell their belongings. "That, for us, is essential. That's why we are asking" the federal government "to be considerate" and give additional time to leave.

She told members a story about meeting a daughter of a contract worker with an expiring permit during a presentation on Tinian.

"She said, "I am going to get deported. I said 'no you are not. You are born U.S. citizens. Your parents are foreign workers. But you have got to have hope. Have hope with things we are working on.'"

Among many others, the CNMI recommended affected workers be allowed to remain lawfully in the CNMI until October this year at such time when employers can petition them for the next fiscal year. The federal government would do this by creating a "cap-gap" program much like for FI visas transition to H-visas, where foreign students are allowed to continue working until they transition to the H1-B visa program.

Applied in the CW context, the U.S Department of Homeland Security could create a program using its discretion and determine which non-citizens should be allowed to, on a case-by-base basis, to apply for cap gap.

The CNMI also recommends that DHS use its authority to grant humanitarian parole or parole in place on a case-by-case basis to affected workers, whose permits expire next fiscal year to address the humanitarian crisis of separating families.

DeLeon Guerrero also responded to criticism that the CNMI does not need a contract worker program extension, for which they aim to extend the program for 10 years with an 18,000 worker cap, and that the CNMI has not done enough to train its local workforce.

"We respect the feelings of others but the reality is that the economy is growing," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

"We are talking to the HANMI association, the Chamber of Commerce… these are the drivers of the economy so they know how the operations go. They are the ones providing us all the data, so we're not making up the numbers [over 11,613 worker demand with all proposed developments on top of current workforce]. We are looking also at all the workforce data that we have and even if you were to recruit, for example, on Rota and Tinian and everyone who is looking for work, we're talking about 11,000 plus additional workers on top of the current workforce that would help sustain the economy when all of these new developments are done and are ready to open their doors."

"The disadvantage that we have here is for example in the states—California can access workers from the next state up, for us, now the feds begin to understand that you know we will live on an island, we are surrounded by water, to access a workforce or workers, it's not like you can drive over the border. It doesn't happen that way," she said.

The Labor secretary also thanked federal counterparts for visiting the CNMI this month to understand "what's happening to us" with the cap issues.

"You have to remember when you look back at the Covenant, we talk about self-reliance, build your economy. We are not looking for handouts as a government, as a state, as a commonwealth, we are looking to grow our economy. And in order for us to grow our economy, we also need to make sure the workers are there to support the economy, which is to supplement the local workforce. That's really what it is."

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Reentry Education Grants, Arrests Guidance for Public and other HUD-Assisted Housing, Banning the Box in Federal Employment, TechHire: Expanding Tech Training and Jobs for Individuals with Criminal Records, Permanent Supportive Housing for the Reentry Population through Pay for Success, and Juvenile Reentry Assistance Program Awards to Support Public Housing Residents.

In the CNMI, Limtiaco said, the Department of Corrections supports reentry efforts by providing opportunities for inmates to learn trades and develop skills through the department's collaborative work with the Northern Marianas Trades Institute and Northern Marianas College.

"There is still much work to be done and we invite you to join us in our ongoing efforts to provide sustainable prevention and reentry programs in our community," she said.

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Income (SSI), is a new state program, it's non-taxable, and a program run by the federal government and paid by the federal government.

Camacho said SSI is a monthly cash assistance program for low-income aged, blind, or disabled persons.

"The Northern Marianas is the only insular area eligible for Supplemental Security Income, thanks to the negotiators of the Covenant between the CNMI and the United States," she noted.

Camacho said Covenant negotiators included this in the negotiations with the U.S.

She said Guam, Puerto Rico, and American Samoa don't have SSI because it was only the CNMI government that negotiated this into the Covenant in establishing the Commonwealth.

"So we are very lucky," Camacho said.

The district manager said the federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability program—popularly called Social Security—provides monthly benefits to an eligible worker and family members when the worker reaches retirement age or dies or becomes disabled.

She said retirement eligibility requires 40 quarters (generally 10 years) of payment through the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) payroll deduction; and the benefit amount is based on lifetime earnings.

Camacho said CNMI government employees began accruing eligibility for SS in 2012.

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may re-file the charges.

In his order, Camacho said he finds no probable cause as to the charge of conspiracy to commit sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree as the government has produced no evidence that Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion conspired to specifically have sexual contact with a minor.

In his separate order, Camacho said he finds no probable cause as to two counts of misconduct in public office each charged against the defendants as the government has presented no evidence that the alleged offense occurred under color of office.

"So that guilt shall not escape or innocence suffer, the court encourages the Office of the Attorney General to carefully review a case before filing any criminal charges to make sure all the elements of a crime can be proven with facts and evidence," he said in the orders.

Last May 27, Camacho also dismissed without prejudice the charge of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree filed each against the defendants. The judge said he finds no probable cause as to the charge as the government failed to prove essential element of the offense.

Camacho conducted the preliminary hearing last April 22 and May 9. Assistant attorneys general Matthew Baisley and Shannon Foley appeared for the government. Attorneys Matthew Holley and Richard Pierce served as counsel for Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion, respectively.

In his order yesterday with respect to the charge of conspiracy to commit sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, Camacho said the Commonwealth has failed to produce any evidence that the defendants specifically conspired to have sex with a minor.

Camacho said even in the light most favorable to the government, the testimony presented shows only that there was an agreement to have sexual contact with a female.

The judge said the government presented no testimony or evidence that the defendants had agreed to have sex specifically with a minor, which would be required if the defendants had agreed to commit sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree.

Camacho said the government's witnesses' testimony indicated that Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion were surprised to discover the alleged victim was a minor.

Further, Camacho said, there was no testimony indicating that the alleged victim told either defendant that she was a minor.

"Although the Commonwealth presented evidence that there had been an agreement to have sexual contact with a female, no evidence was presented that the defendants specifically agreed to have sex with a minor, which is required to show that the defendants had agreed to commit sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree," he said.

Camacho noted that the government did not charge any prostitution-related offenses, nor did the Commonwealth charge conspiracy to commit any prostitution-related offenses.

In his order with respect to the charges of misconduct in public office, Camacho said the government has not presented evidence that the alleged sexual abuse occurred under color of Deleon Guerrero or Concepcion's office.

The judge said witnesses testified that the incidents occurred in the back of a T-100 pickup truck and the government did not present evidence showing that the truck was a DPS vehicle.

Rather, Camacho said, the testimony presented at the preliminary hearing showed that Concepcion owned a silver T-100 pickup truck, and that DPS owned a black T-100 pickup truck.

Camacho said there was no testimony that the DPS vehicle was the vehicle used during the incidents.

"There was no testimony as to the make, model, color, or license plate number of a specific Department of Public Safety vehicle, nor was there any testimony about logbooks indicating use of the vehicle, gas mileage, or days of use," he said.

Further, Camacho said, there was no evidence that Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion presented any symbols of their offices during the alleged incident, including their badges, identification cards, guns, police lights, police sirens, police report forms, or government vehicle stickers.

According to the information filed by assistant attorney general Shannon R. Foley, in June 2013 on Saipan, Deleon Guerrero, then the commissioner of DPS, twice engaged in sexual penetration with a minor child at the San Antonio beach site.

Foley said that in June 2013, Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion arranged a meeting place, meeting times, and coordinated with other persons to lure the minor child to a San Antonio beach site, where they engaged in sexual penetration of that child.

Foley said that in June 2013, Concepcion, then a DPS officer, engaged in sexual penetration with a minor child at the San Antonio beach site on numerous occasions.

The prosecutor said Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion, being public officials, performed illegal acts under the color of their office.

The defendants pleaded not guilty.

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20 win $250 GCs for 2016 LibDay weekend

Twenty lucky customers each won $250 worth of gift certificates in last week's raffle drawing of the Procter & Gamble-Joeten Anniversary promo. The contest was conducted for Joeten's 67th year and it ran from May 18 to June 22.

The raffle draw was simultaneously held at Joeten's four branches on the island—Hafa Adai Shopping Center, Dandan, Kagman, and Susupe.

Customers received one raffle entry for every purchase of P&G products like Gain, Downy, Charmin, Bounty, Dawn, Pantene, etc.

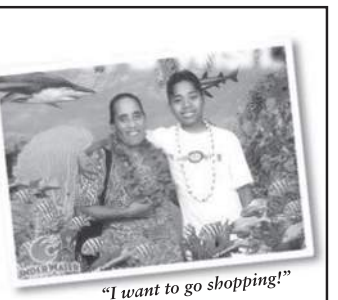
The GCs were awarded just in time for the three-day Fourth of July weekend where the winners could buy groceries for their Liberation Day celebration and family barbecue.

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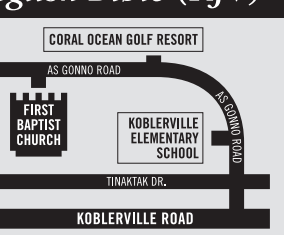
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CLUB C:

2 years of offering entertainment, food, gaming

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JON PEREZ
Club C general manager Peter Stewien, sitting center, and 11 of Club C's 25 staff make sure local and off-island guests experience one of the best in entertainment, gaming, and food when they visit their facility.

Two years of offering entertainment, food, and gaming. Club C turns two years old on July 5 and this sums up their operations on Saipan, showing it is more than just a casino gaming facility by featuring live entertainers and great food for you and your friends to enjoy.

Club C overcame the birth pangs of an electronic gaming facility and is still surviving even with competitors also opening. Club 88, which has two e-gaming branches, at Saipan Oceanview Hotel and Mariana Resort & Spa, and Best Sunshine Live are Club C's competitors.

"We always hear the question, 'when are you guys closing?' Our status is stable financially," said Strategic Gaming Solutions Inc. general manager Peter Stewien, who is also in charge of Club C's overall management. SGS owns Club C.

"We operate like the casinos in some cities. We have lots of gamers every weekend but our difference here is we have a strict no smoking policy. Also, the usual comment from our guests is we have friendly staff and good customer service is the lifeblood of a business like ours."

Stewien has more than 30 years of experience managing different casinos, starting his career at the Adelaide Casino in Australia. He also worked in Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic, Hungary, Macau, Subic Bay in the Philippines, and Gold Reef City in South Africa.

"We have other attractions for the non-gamers. Some of Club C's regular customers come here to enjoy the live entertainment, have some drinks, and eat with their friends. Just to have fun whether after work or during weekends."

He said that Club C has also been known for its live entertainment with Toby Webb and Gigi Almine having their own local fan base, regular visitors whenever they are on stage. "We noticed there are a lot of guests because of their different styles of singing."

"In the coming years, we are also planning to put more emphasis and giving local singers the chance to perform," added the former gaming manager of Casino Canberra who served as a lieutenant in the Australian Army Reserve.

Food and drinks is another crowd drawer at Club C. Food and beverage manager Anita Go said their restaurant has the reputation of having food that people love. "It is a mix of American, Chinese, and Filipino dishes."

"People who come here have their own favorite food that they usually order. Plus we offer new dishes with our Spicy Tuesdays and Beerkada Fridays," said Go, who added that Club C has one of the widest beer selections on Saipan.

"For our anniversary, we will be having beer tasting of Franken Brau beers, while some of the cocktails will be 50-percent off for players and guests. We will also be having free buffet for all," Go said.

There will also be giveaways while exciting and big prizes are up for grabs in their anniversary raffle. They will still have their regular weekend raffle giveaways from Thursdays to Sundays, but bigger prizes will be offered on Tuesday night.

Club C, which has a staff of 25, has also announced its new operating hours of 5:15pm to 3am from Mondays to Fridays and 12pm to 4am every Saturdays and Sundays. They also opened the VIP room, which can fit 25 people, for private functions complete with Karaoke.

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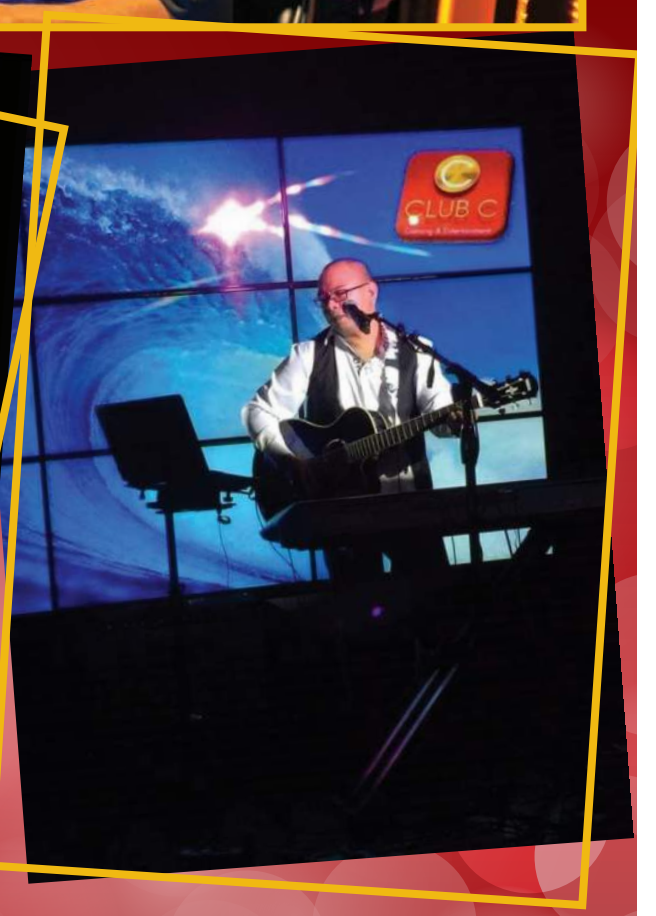


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Koenji Awaodori group to join LibDay festivities

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A 70-member group from Koenji Awaodori Association will be joining the festivities of this year's Liberation Day Festival. Members of the Koenji Awaodori group come from 13 different teams that join the annual Awa Dance Festival every summer in Tokyo.

Most of the members of the group are first-time visitors on Saipan and this will also be their first time to perform with the local Awaodori team. The Tokyo Tensuiren Group, the Saipan Awaodori team's "mother" club in Japan, comes to Saipan regularly.

They will be arriving in batches this weekend starting at 3pm today with KAA vice chairperson Yukihiro Iwanami leading the first group of performers and musicians. Thirty-seven members will plane in on Saturday with 21 coming in on Sunday.

Members of the Saipan Awaodori team and officials from the Marianas Visitors Authority will be welcoming the Japanese guests at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport when they arrive this weekend.

Aside from joining the Fourth of July Parade on Monday, KAA will perform at the Paseo de Marianas on Sunday from 7pm to 8pm. They will then join the Saipan Awaodori team at the Liberation Day stage at 7pm on Monday.

The public is also invited to watch their free performance at PDM with spectators getting original *uchiwa*, a traditional Japanese fan.

Sheena Saures, the second in command of the Saipan Awaodori team, said they are excited to perform with the KAA and join them in the Liberation Day Parade. "We've been practicing hard for the whole week in preparation for the Liberation Day."

"These are professional dancers that's why the kids are excited, I'm excited. We're all excited. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to dance with [KAA] members who traveled to Saipan just to join the Liberation Day Festival," added Saures.

Saures, who has been a member of the Saipan Awaodori team for more than six years, said the KAA performers that came from the 13 different groups have their own unique style of dancing in the annual festival in Japan.

She added that she's glad to join the Saipan Awaodori team since it promotes cultural awareness as they learn about Japanese tradition, while their counterparts are introduced to the local culture.



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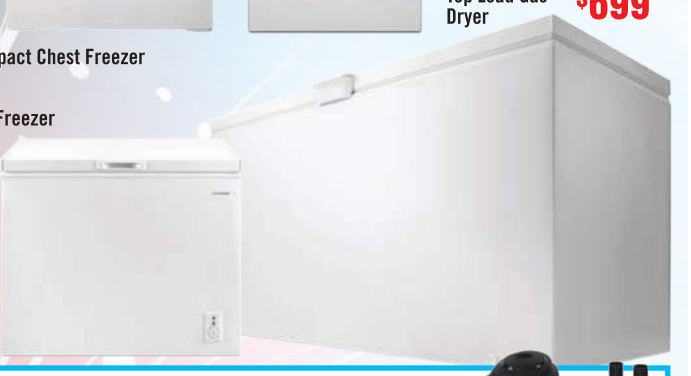
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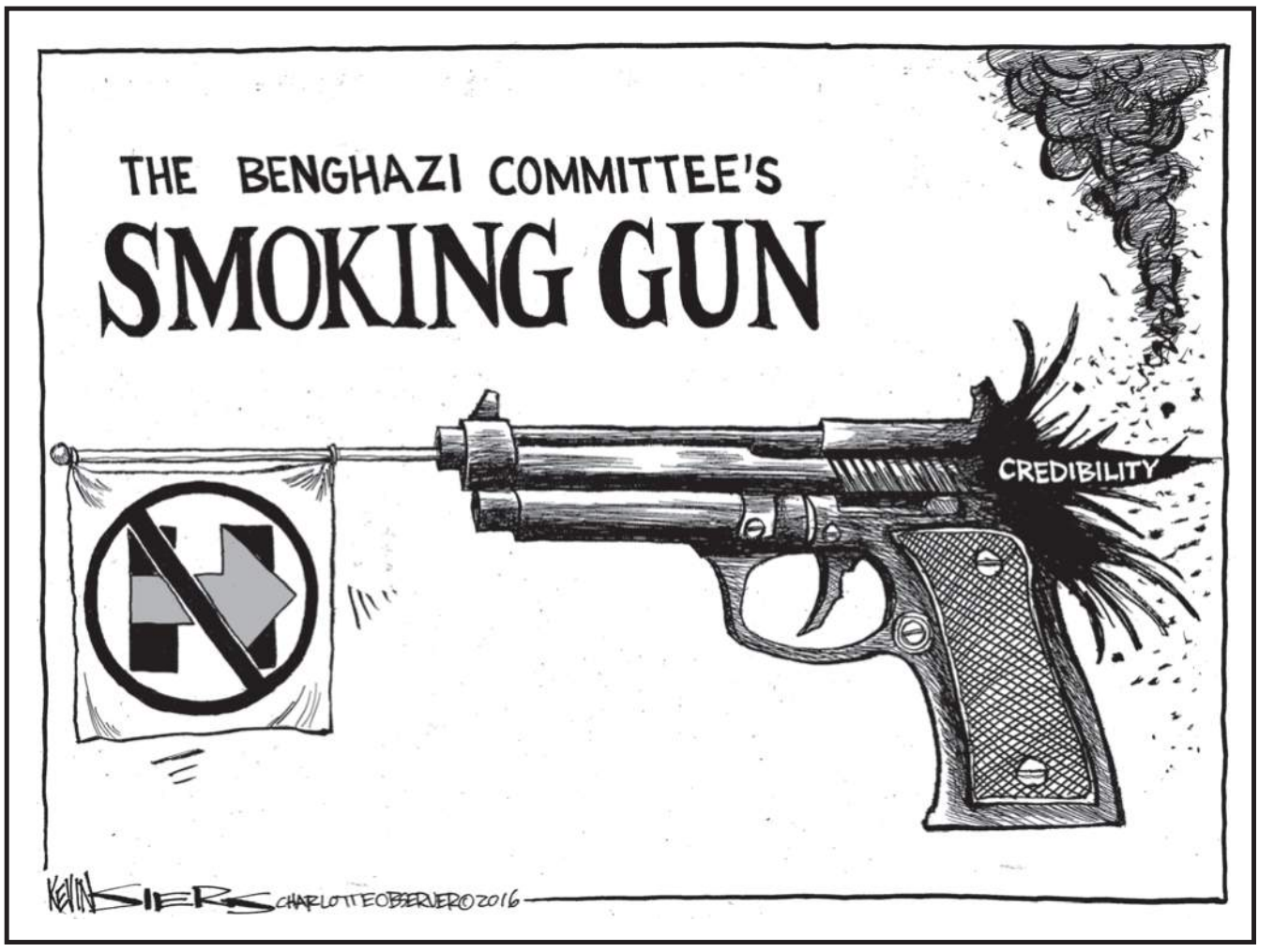
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Texas' deceptive abortion law

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision to strike down two onerous provisions in a Texas abortion law sends a clear and powerful message that medically unjustified restrictions that obstruct a woman's access to abortion are unconstitutional. In its most sweeping decision on abortion since 1992, the court reaffirmed what it said at that time: If a law regulating abortion before the fetus is viable is more an obstacle to women than a benefit to them, then it violates the Constitution.

Texas had insisted that the restrictions were necessary to protect women. But the court rightly dismissed those arguments, finding them to be mere subterfuge in an effort to block women from getting abortions. Notably, Texas isn't the only state with such regulations. There are currently lawsuits in a number of states challenging similar laws. Monday's ruling should lead courts across the country to wipe them off the books.

In the 5-3 vote in Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt, the court held that Texas legislators had gone too far in requiring that doctors who provide abortions must have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals and that abortion clinics must be outfitted like ambulatory surgical facilities. The 2013 law, which was partially enjoined while the Supreme Court reviewed it, had already forced half of the 40 clinics in the state to close. Had the court upheld the law and allowed all of its provisions to go into effect, all but about 10 clinics would have been compelled to shut down, leaving many women hundreds of miles from a clinic and overwhelming the few facilities that remained open.

But that's the point of the law and others like it around the country — to deter women from obtaining safe, legal abortions. Rejecting the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals' findings, the Supreme Court's majority found that the state's supposed concern about the safety of abortion clinics was merely pretextual. As Justice Stephen G. Breyer wrote in his opinion for the majority, the total number of deaths from abortion in Texas was five from 2001 to 2012. But procedures with far higher rates of mortality, such as outpatient liposuction and in-home childbirth, aren't required by the state to be done in facilities equipped as surgical units. In short, the rationale for Texas' latest abortion regulations was fictitious, but the harms to women seeking abortions have been real.

The bluntness of the court's ruling is a welcome rebuke to the disturbingly widespread efforts by states to obstruct access to abortion by imposing tougher requirements on abortion providers in the name of medical safety. Sadly, the ruling is unlikely to stop antiabortion lawmakers. Instead, they will simply look for other legislative gimmicks to undermine the constitutional right recognized in Roe v. Wade. But when those laws appear, the courts should recognize them for what they are as swiftly and succinctly as the five justices did in this case.

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The First of July

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He was proud to be named Julio, with the "J" pronounced like an "H" in "Hulyo" as in "Jaime" with the aspirated "H" for the "J." He also did not mind being called a "Julius" though he quickly claimed he was no Csar for Caesar. But he and his girlfriend were on Lino's San Isidro beach the day after quick fingers took off with my backpack while I was resting after an unplanned turnaround trip to Narita and back, and they were all ears with sympathy.

July begins the second half of the measured year of the Gregorian calendar, based on the Roman Bacchanalian reckoning but supplanted with the veneer of Christian memories expressed in rites and rituals. The swaddling clothes story of the manger had to be told with a wintry backdrop rather than the spring day it was remembered in days of old, only because the story got moved from its Mediterranean setting to the temperate zone of Europe and the British Isles. It fitted better in the weather of December!

Spring remains the first day of the year in some Middle Eastern countries, usually figured on the lunar position in the sky, but with the school schedule in the temperate zone, it is strictly solar as children begin school in the fall. The U.S. federal government starts its fiscal year in October.

It matters not to tropical Saipan. The first of July is just the first of July; Julius and his centurions are better remembered by their attire and the discipline of their formation particularly in battle rather than sporting the plumage on their hoods.

July 2016 is something else. Trump vs. Hillary is hardly a contest in the United States. The sense of Aryan supremacy is echoed among the Trump followers, but that is hardly an issue since the United States is still fighting the war between whites of the deep plantation South with the industrial metropolises in the Union; what was perceived in the 60s as a finalization of the banishment of racial prejudice in the Civil Rights Act of '64 does not understand Amerika!

"In White America" was an LP I had in the '60s. It is still White America inspite of Barack Obama though he did cross the color line, and now, Hillary is about to cross the gender line.

It is Julius all over again in Washington, though Obama-Hillary won't echo the Caesarean triumvirate: *veni*, *vidi*, and *vici*. They might have come, and saw, but they hardly conquered. White Amerika is still in charge as they were when corporate America supplied the Wehrmacht with the chemicals they needed to wipe out the Jews.

The whole of July is usually the summer month, even as teachers prepare for the opening of the Saipan Community School on Aug. 1 with classes starting the 8th. The first of July commences real vacation time.

What significance the month of July has on the nation and one of its territories are dovetailing on the theme of Liberation. Those yurt-looking canopies at the Fisherman's wharf across from the Kristo Rai Church look like the moveable Mongolian communities.

The Fourth of July will see a parade with floats decorated by the different ethnic groups on island, most notably those of Nippon, Hangkuk, Zhongguoren, Pilipinas, Bangladeshi, Nepali, that used to staff the defunct casino and hotel of the Tinian Dynasty, the Russians at PIC, and the community based efforts of Best Sunshine International in search of brownie points.

Liberation itself sounds like a release from the stranglehold of an invading force to a resident population but it isn't. It is a commemoration of the release of the locals from the concentration camp at Susupe, along with the captured Japanese, their Korean and Okinawan forces. Liberation was Uncle Sam's release of everyone from concentration camps as the soldiers who served under Imperial Japan in WWII were repatriated back to their country/place of origin, while the local Chamorros and Carolinian returned to their homes.

The first of July anticipates the patriotism of the fourth and the release of captives (liberation) from concentration camps of those deemed sympathetic to the cause of Imperial Japan in WWII.

I never saw it as a matter of policy for the Japanese government to apologize for envisioning a Co-Prosperity Sphere in Asia, nor Obama apologizing for the use of the A-bomb in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Both are done deal. *Fini*. *Kaput*. No one needs to apologize for anything. The emotive requirement is a character of our time rather than a mirror of the historic times being referred to.

The issue is what we do next. There will be those who echo the thinker who opined that "those who do not learn from the lessons of the past are bound to repeat it," or something to that effect. That is true to a certain degree, as well as, a loaf of baloney. The sun brings a new day, and being present to the moment is what allows people to be humanly creative and innovative so that the day after is given form, not so much on the ground as it is on the mind of those engaged.

We all live for the moment. That's all we've got.

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Old tech, new tech

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Here's a news item: American adults consume an average of 10 hours and 39 minutes of electronic media per day. This insight comes via Adweek.com, which is reporting data from Nielson, a company that is a long-standing tracker of certain American media habits.

I don't know how Saipan's figures jibe with the overall American figures. It's safe to say that there are probably some common elements at work. Worldwide, or at least in any place in the world I've been, the allure of the electronic screen is, in particular, a force that human eyeballs and the psyches behind them can't resist.

This is why I can't resist the current flood of stories about robot development, especially those of the human (or nearly human) form. The big riddle seems to be when robots will develop to the point where they're human enough to attract the engagement of humans. What largely goes unsaid is that the craving for electronic devices already exists despite the lack of humanoid form. We can see this from the media consumption figures I just mentioned. We can also see it merely by looking around us in daily life.

A smartphone doesn't look like a person. Neither does a TV. This hasn't curtailed their appeal to the masses.

With that in mind, it's possible that what stands between now and the great robot revolution, at least at the consumer level, isn't technology but is, rather, creativity. I'm waiting for somebody to outflank the heavy technological climb and opt for a lateral game of creative design. The market will be swept up by something that's essentially a robotic pet. I have no idea what such a thing will look like. For all I know, it will be mimic evolution's most robust designs, and we'll have something that's structurally more cockroach than cocker spaniel.

The exasperating thing, to me at least, is that while this path seems inevitable, I still can't envision the design that will succeed. Somebody will, though. It's just a matter of time. Once the design is on the market, everyone will stay how obvious it was.

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All this high-tech stuff got me thinking about the days of lower tech, particularly when radio enjoyed a long run of creativity.

With that in mind, I listened to a New York radio show, a mystery drama, from 1974. Fortunately, the archives kept the commercials. I tallied seven advertisers.

Of the seven, two were apparently local (New York) businesses: a bank and a grocery store. The ads were interminable. It struck me that a mediocre print ad can still get the point across, since a reader's eyes can dart around at will, but a mediocre radio ad holds listeners hostage to the clock.

The remaining five advertisers were of national stature. Their commercials were better crafted than the local ones. This wasn't a function of fancy studio production. It was, instead, a function of superior copywriting, where the pros had silver tongues and not tin ears.

Of the five sponsors, three are probably known to Saipan residents. These were Budweiser beer, Special K cereal, and Diet 7-Up soda.

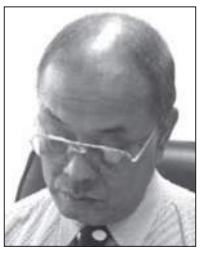
Another advertiser is still alive and well, an automobile transmission repair chain that's well known in the mainland.

Alas, of the five national advertisers, one is no longer around. That's Trans World Airlines (TWA). TWA went bankrupt and was acquired by American Airlines in 2001. I used to fly an old TWA Boeing 727 that had been converted into a freighter. The glory had faded, but those 727s kept their dignity.

Oh well, so much for the past. I'll relish fond memories about it while a giant electronic cockroach brings me a beer. Here's to "progress," if you look forward to it. Here's to your memories, if you don't. Either way: cheers!

The midterm elections

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Traditional political establishments have begun fundraising for the midterm election this November. I've kept my ears to the ground listening for rhyme and reason why incumbents should be re-elected after an abysmal performance and report cards riddled with failure!

The fundraising may succeed but changing the narrative spewing out of villagers' mouth like volcanic eruption would derail such effort. Remember a recent election when nearly every incumbent was booted from office? What's coming down the pike would be a grand slam repeat of history!

Why would voters turn against incumbents backed by elites this coming midterm election? Is it because voters see them as insane? Nah! It's because they are sane and sanely negligent and greedy. They have seen fit to embrace affluenza—hook up with rich sugar daddies—as to ignore the interest of the people that elected them into office. This narrative is a common mouthwash everywhere!

The central question for incumbents is simple: what have you done to improve the quality of life of employees and their families over the last year? It's called family economics where they had to deal with increases in the price of basic goods and other necessities. Name a specific measure you've sponsored successfully resolving this issue full square!

Look at your own history of toxic performance to gauge if you're worth re-electing. I mean if you're doing it out of pointless political camaraderie then it means you find pleasure insulting our intelligence, right? What's your point anyway? No worries! I'm not delusional pointing out issues requiring solid answers from incumbents, aspiring policymakers and GOP elites.

The genesis of the impending NMI economic annihilation and total bankruptcy is in USPL 110-229. Have you any realistic answer to prevent famine-like conditions in the villages when the disaster hits home? What irrational excuse is up your sleeve for delaying timely payment of land compensation? Have you come up with a back-up program in the event Medicaid and Medicare are terminated? Economic measures to reboot the doldrums at home?

These are what I call "Issues That Matter" you must address and resolve with rock solid answers. Tons of useless "biba" isn't going to cut the cake either. No worries! I will be out on the campaign trail to trumpet your abysmal record and performance.

Evacuation! Remember the 3,000-plus folks that evacuated elsewhere some seven years ago because of the lack of meaningful economic opportunities at home?

Appalling how slaying opportunities out of negligence has gotten the NMI into a bind it can't figure out nor resolve on its own. It's all self-inflicted.

Well, it's unbearably disorienting and I could only envision how families would fare once our canoe sinks in the deep blue of incompetence and negligence.

Incoherence: We didn't do our homework on future multi-year financial assistance for the NMI that should pay for a wide range of programs. We would miss the opportunity to plan for growth and development in the absence of CIP funds.

A realistic master plan provides room for the NMI to define its aspirations beyond tourism into other sectors. It's a fickle industry that shifts landscape instantly whenever something's gone awry nearby. It makes sense to look at other sectors for development beyond conventional wisdom.

It should also be understood that without definition the NMI plunges into the fallacy of its own negligence piled by paralysis on most fronts. Well, how does it move without money, piled by deficit spending and labor-deficit? Any decent idea how to weather the impending disaster?

There's a wide-open alternative to easing the impending mess, but leadership is a scarce commodity in the islands. Sure, there are illegitimate office holders wrapped in confusion as significant issues intensify the dire need for attention and resolution.

The obvious lack of any sense of organization is humiliating. We seem to be preparing to fail as we set ad hoc plans to "advance to the rear." USCIS doesn't have to justify our needs. We do! But the afternoon siesta we've taken after a heavy meal of bone soup and rice had us perfecting the Sisyphus complex!

Confused: While it's understood that it pertains to the economy, the administration is out of focus on issues that matter. The candle in the wind—local economy—at the entrance of the cave is hopelessly struggling to stay lit while humming "Are You Sleeping?"

We hear aimless and irrelevant rhetoric from all over. The overall mess is found Marianas-wide doubled down by a Tinian investor who closed shop and left a bundle of mess behind. Whatever happened to the legal requirement of fund deposit to handle repatriation?

Whatever the impending mess the NMI remains a federal obligation per the Covenant Agreement where Uncle Sam is supposed to build economic prosperity or a "progressively higher standard of living", whatever that means.

Clarification: The issue on the impending labor shortage reverts to an even more vital question: what has the NMI done to train and educate its young people so they upgrade their skills? Did we ever define the goal of education? Did it include key players in both sectors? Or did we move along under the assumption that another mea culpa would get us through a difficult hurdle founded on negligence and inadequacy?

This isn't to point a finger at anyone other than to re-awaken all players of the dire need to defining the goal of education for our young people. While I admire our very own taking up training in the various vocations at a trade school, unfortunately teachers had to spend teaching their students basic math and English. This deficiency is horrific! And unless basics are placed under their belt chances of succeeding in class is at best, iffy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The CW program in brief

The CNMI-Only Transitional Worker (CW) program was established by Congress pursuant to Public Law 110-229. This federal law is referred to as the "Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008," a comprehensive federal legislation that became effective on May 8, 2008. Title VII of the Act removed CNMI control over all immigration matters in the CNMI, including those relating to nonresident workers. Because immigration matters in the CNMI are now governed by federal law, only U.S. Congress can make changes to the CW program, which relates to nonresident workers in the CNMI.

The federal legislation that removed CNMI control over immigration matters was enacted in 2008 by the Democratic Party-controlled Congress. It was done primarily in response to the years of federal frustration over the lax CNMI immigration practice. Under local immigration control, the CNMI had allowed tens of thousands of foreign workers to enter, work, and indefinitely reside in the CNMI. The federal government was especially frustrated with the many garment companies owned by foreign entities, which had set up shop in the CNMI in the mid-1980s and thereafter. Their objective in relocating to the CNMI was to bypass the U.S. quota restriction imposed on textile products manufactured in foreign countries, by conducting their operations in the CNMI, but carrying on as if they were still

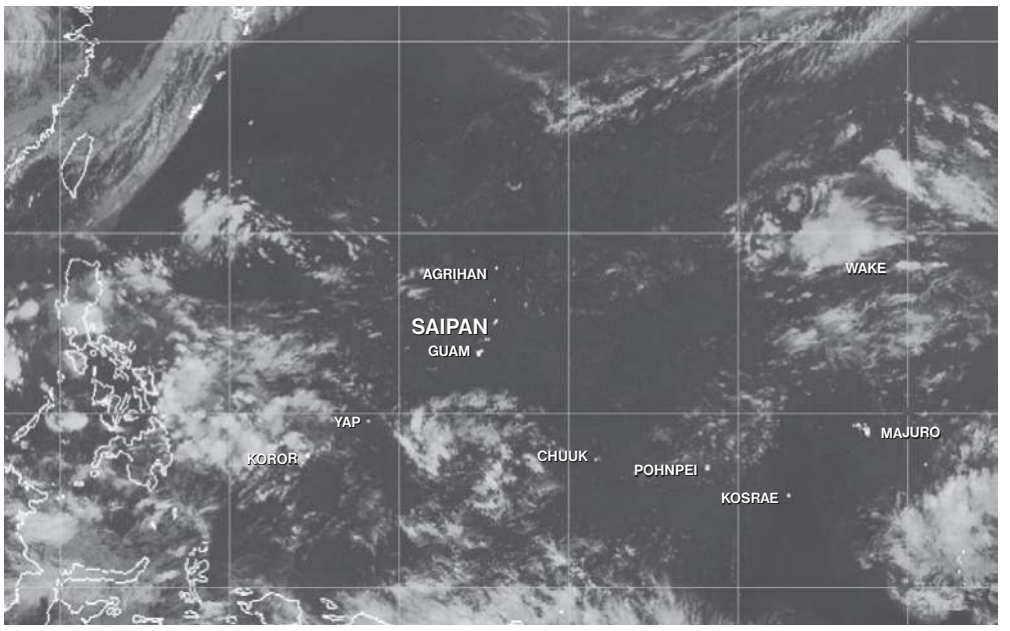
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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly sunny with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Southeast winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲90° ▼80°	▲89° ▼80°	▲89° ▼80°	▲89° ▼80°	▲89° ▼80°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00 PM, THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2016

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level low is centered well north of Yap near 19N134E. Isolated thunderstorms are found southeast of Okinawa within 100 miles of a line from 21N130E to 19N138E. Another upper-level low is centered north of wake island near 21N164E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present near Wake Island within 175 miles of a line from 17N161E to 24N171E. A monsoon trough heads eastward through 9N130E, to a weak circulation centered west of Chuuk near 7N148E, and another circulation centered east of Chuuk near 8N154E. A surface trough heads northeast from the second circulation to end near 14n165e. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen near and north of Yap and Koror west of a line from 15N130E to 10N137E to 6N130E. Widely-scattered showers are present between Yap and Chuuk, between 2N and 10N from 140E to 148E. Scattered showers found south of Wake Island near the end of the trough within an area bounded by a line from 19N170E to 11N170E to 13N162E back to 19N170E. A near-equatorial trough runs eastward from 5N168E through the date line at 7N.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲92	▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲87	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Pohnpei	Rain	▲86	▼79
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼82
Majuro	Partly Sunny	▲86	▼82

Around the Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲53	▼45
Beijing	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼69
Hong Kong	Rain	▲88	▼81
Honolulu	Clear	▲84	▼74
London	Rain	▲67	▼58
Los Angeles	Partly Sunny	▲83	▼65
Manila	Partly Sunny	▲93	▼80
Melbourne	Showers	▲53	▼46
Miami	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼81
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼71
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲87	▼67
Paris	Showers	▲72	▼62
Pusan	Rain	▲80	▼72
Rome	Sunny	▲91	▼67
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼53
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲72	▼54
Seoul	Rain	▲79	▼69
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼71
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼68

NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:53 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.05 Feet
11:13 AM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.15 Feet
5:58 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.69 Feet
11:05 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.02 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Monday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Tuesday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:36 AM	3:34 PM
Saturday	3:29 AM	4:35 PM
Sunday	4:25 AM	5:36 PM
Monday	5:23 AM	6:34 PM
Tuesday	6:22 AM	7:29 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 15, 2016

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4
UA2922/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	10:35pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA2921/191	1:30pm	8:55am+1	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR
UA2920/191	2:20pm	8:55am+1	2, 6 via GUM
UA2928/191	6:05pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2926/191	9:50pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2922/159	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2920	9:45pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM-Rota
UA192/2927	9:45pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2929	9:45pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2920	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA184/2927	11:30pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2929	11:30pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2921	9:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA116/2920	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA116/2927	9:55pm	5:35pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2929	9:55pm	9:20pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
6:30AM	6:45AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

CW

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in China.

During its heyday, these foreign-owned garment companies were employing roughly 16,000 or so workers in the CNMI. Together with the non-garment workers of another 18,000 foreign workers, more or less, the nonresident worker population in the CNMI outnumbered the local resident population.

Most of the garment workers were housed in factory barracks that were locked up at night. And cries of "modern-day slavery taking place on U.S. soil" were publicized worldwide on many of the national print and broadcast journalism. It was a huge blackeye for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CNMI government leaders, against all odds however, fought the federal government for many years to retain local control over immigration matters. And, for some time, through the lobbying effort of the now-disgraced Jack Abramoff, a close friend and associate of CNMI Republicans and the CNMI garment industry, they were successful under the Republican-controlled Congress. But as soon as the Democrats, led by then House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, took control of both houses of Congress in 2006, Congress immediately enacted the law that removed CNMI control over all local immigration matters.

In enacting this federal legislation, however, the U.S. Congress did not fully thought out the long-term consequences that the provisions of this law would have on the present and future economy of the CNMI. The U.S. Congress simply decided to phase out completely the CNMI nonresident worker program over a five-year period. This period has been extended since. But the last extension is expiring at a certain point and the CNMI is once again faced with the perennial issue of ensuring that there would be enough workers to service the CNMI visitor industry and the newly introduced casino gaming industry.

Eight years have now passed since the enactment of the federal legislation that removed CNMI control over local immigration matters. The dilemma the CNMI now faces is this: as the economy of the CNMI begins to develop (for better or worse), the CW program will at some point be phased out completely over the term allowed by Public Law 110-229. The ultimate goal of this federal law, as we should know by now, is to phase-out completely the CW program.

CNMI leaders, both public and private, should recall that the U.S. House of Representatives Sub-Committee on Insular Affairs conducted a historic hearing on Saipan on Aug. 15, 2007 regarding the proposed federal immigration takeover. And local concerns were raised with the Subcommittee regarding the provisions of the proposed federal law. The House Subcommittee on Insular Affair, composed almost entirely of the non-voting delegates from Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa, heard the concerns raised by the people of the CNMI who submitted testimonies or personally testified. But the die was already cast that the CNMI will be treated just like any member of the American political family with respect to immigration matters. The CNMI nonresident workers program, in particular, was targeted for phasing out, albeit gradually under federal control. We are now witnessing

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-16-IFB-014

Supply, Delivery and Installation of Pulverizer System and Construction of Canopy Enclosure

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Supply, Delivery and Installation of Pulverizer System and Construction of Canopy Enclosure**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **June 17, 2016** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Mandatory Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **July 06, 2016 , 9:00 a.m. local time** at the Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Management Division Conference Room, Lower Base, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **July 08, 2016** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.
The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-16-IFB-014**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, July 29, 2016.** Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, July 29, 2016,** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 29, 2016** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **August 11, 2016.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, August 15, 2016**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on July 29, 2016**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245.** The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:
a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:
1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Sixty (60) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred (US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

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CW

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that federal objective. And our leaders are alarmed that unless there are sufficient workers to service the visitor and casino industries, the economy of the CNMI will move at a snail's pace.

So today, and for the last several years, the CNMI continues to ask the federal government to extend (if not allow more foreign workers under) the CW program. But the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which is responsible for immigration matters, cannot do anything that the Act does not permit. In other words, the issue of CNMI nonresident workers is a matter completely under the control of Congress.

To make matters worse, 2016 is probably the worst year to raise the CW issue because of the highly emotional partisan divide now present in Congress over the larger issue of national immigration control. The 11 million undocumented aliens in the United States themselves have yet to be accorded any legal relief to their plight that they may also be deported. So this is a hotly and emotionally contested issue during this U.S. presidential-election year. And, as we should know by now, the CNMI does not have any political clout in the national political scheme.

The chances, therefore, of the CNMI getting another extension or being given a nonresident worker exception this year and next year are, for all practical purpose, wishful thinking. The honeymoon period between the United States and the CNMI (as a favorite but stubborn child under the U.S. flag) ended in 2008, and CNMI leaders have to start accepting this fact.

Jose S. Dela Cruz
Koblerville

Tsunami for the CW

Danny O. Quitugua pretty much laid out the U.S. Public Law 110-229 (CNRA), which has a direct effect on the much-discussed fate of the CW and our local economy.

I agree with his presentation. The whole immigration issue lies with the U.S. Congress. The 27 states of the Union filed a preliminary injunction with the

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Dangerous weapon charge filed vs man who chased wife with axe dismissed

The Office of the Attorney General has dismissed the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon filed against Gui Fang Lai, a 42-year-old man accused of beating up his wife for not giving him money, chasing her with an axe, and breaking items at a Susupe restaurant using a samurai sword.

The OAG instead filed an amended information charging Lai with only assault and battery and disturbing the peace.

At a pre-trial conference on Wednesday, assistant attorney general Shannon Foley, counsel for the government, submitted in court a request for leave to amend the information.

In the government's request, Foley explained that after careful review of additional discovery provided by the Office of the Public Defender last June 21, the OAG now asserts that it is in the best interests of the Commonwealth to dismiss the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Foley said the Commonwealth asserts that dismissal of assault with a dangerous weapon decreases the maximum exposure to imprisonment Lai is faced with.

Foley added that the proposed amendment does not necessitate additional discovery.

Thus, Foley contended that this amendment will neither unduly prejudice Lai nor compromise the proceedings.

Assistant public defender Matthew Meyer, counsel for Lai, had no objections.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho granted the government's leave to file the second amended information.

Camacho vacated the jury trial set for July 18, 2016, and instead set a bench trial for that day at 9am.

According to the second amended information, on March 20, 2016, on Saipan, Lai pulled the victim's hair, swung a chair at her causing scratch marks on her hand and slapped her on the mouth causing a swollen lip. The act allegedly disturbed the victim's peace.

Police said the victim had a bruised lip and scratches on the left hand and on the top of her left shoulder.

Police said according to the victim, Lai asked $700 from her but she refused. He later asked for $1,000, but she refused. He asked for $350, but she refused again.

Lai allegedly got mad and pulled her hair, swung a baby high chair at her, but she blocked it with her hands. He then slapped her on the mouth.

The victim ran out of the restaurant toward Joeten Susupe because he chased her with an axe.

Last March 23, Lai allegedly came with a sword and was swinging it left and right. He kept shouting and hit ceramics and glass cups on the table with the sword in a restaurant.

Police arrived and arrested Lai, but inside the police car, he allegedly kicked the window of the police vehicle. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

TSUNAMI

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federal court, and was certified by the U.S. Court. The suing states said that President does not have the power to circumvent the U.S. Congress on immigration issues. The Supreme Court voted 4-4 deadlocked and the preliminary injunction on the President's undocumented workers protection plan held. I haven't heard anything on this holding injunction yet, but it is a pity. The fight, though, was about the power of the Presidency on immigration and the "end-run" against the congressional jurisdiction on immigration. I wonder how the CWs would take this adverse decision. It is a very big blow. Time will tell.

Rudy M. Sablan
Garapan

Perennial road problem

An important published article appears on June 30, 2016, issues of both the *Saipan Tribune* and *Marianas Variety* that addresses the perennial road problem at the Kanat Tabla area. With FEMA approved grant money, the administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torrres can now initiate the necessary actions to begin the process of addressing this important issue that affects both the residents and visitors of Kanat Tabla. Additionally, we recognize the effort and will continue to seek assistance from our elected officials to make this important endeavor a reality.

FEMA, the administration of Gov. Torres, and the Legislature should be applauded for the team effort in securing such financial assistance. Gov. Torres, you are listening and delivering your actions to your people. Thank you Gov. Torres. I will be remiss not to mention specifically Sen. Sixto Igisomar, Rep. Larry Deleon Guerrero, and Rep. Francis Taimanao, for their unwavering support to the plight of the residents of Kanat Tabla. Thank you all.

Francisco Cepeda Deleon Guerrero
Kanat Tabla resident

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MVA board chair: Improvements to lure more visitors

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Marianas Visitors Authority board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce said the various improvement projects that are funded by their office aims to attract more visitors and convince them that the CNMI is a better choice against other tropical island destinations.

"As we market our islands internationally, under increased competition, new attractions are important," said Aldan-Pierce who identified Guam, Hawaii, Bali in Indonesia, and Thailand as some of the CNMI's competition.

She added that the increase in the hotel occupancy tax, implemented several years ago, helped fund the projects under MVA's destination enhancement program. "We're able to improve tourist destinations for visitors and residents alike."

The MVA has been aggressively promoting the CNMI as a tourist destination by opening up 10 offices in China, South Korea, Hong Kong, Japan, Russia, Taiwan, and the Philippines.


Aldan-Pierce

"I invite you to join us in some of our travels in promoting the CNMI to see what we are up against. The increased number of arrivals is through an effective budget."

'It starts on Saipan'

The re-lighting of the Froilan C. Tenorio Beach Road Pathway is part of the enhancement projects where visitors and residents can enjoy recreational activities at night. The pathway was partially lighted from First Hawaiian Bank to Cabrera Center and hopefully the entire stretch from Kilili Beach Park to Garapan would soon be finished.

Aldan-Pierce said they are hoping the copper wire theft that happened last month won't happen again. "Thankfully new wires are reinstalled and the project is back on schedule. We need everyone's help to prevent this to happen again. If you see anything unusual, call 911."

The Paseo de Marianas in Garapan and its surrounding areas are also set for some major facelift including an outdoor stage, fixing the street lights, new signs, the planting of palm trees and flowers, and putting lights at the median trees to create a more festive atmosphere at night at the heart of Saipan's tourist district.

"The MVA will also support the Garapan Heritage Trail project by putting up signs in English, Japanese, Korean, and Chinese. The project will identify historical sites in Garapan," said Aldan-Pierce. Some of the information are now available at the Northern Marianas Humanities Council.

The first of several giant picture frames have been erected in Marpi and more will be constructed through the help of Mariana Resort & Spa. These are picturesque locations on Saipan's northernmost point.

Renovation of the restrooms at Banzai Cliff have been completed with the ones at Grotto and the Last Command Post next to be repaired. Some of the signs in Marpi that were either destroyed by Typhoon Soudelor or vandalized are also going to be replaced.

Tinian and Rota included

Aldan-Pierce said the list of MVA's improvement projects include attractions on Tinian and Rota. "Our list of future improvements is growing and we're working closely with the Tinian and Rota mayors. The projects are moving forward with the help of an engineer and an architect."

The restroom and pavilion at Tinian's Taga Beach will be renovated while a railing going down the beach will be installed. Repairs will also take place at the restroom and bleachers, and railings put up at the Suicide Cliff.

Next year's Tinian Hot Pepper Festival will move back to Tachonga Beach to prepare Kammer Beach for several improvements like the construction of a stage, renovation of the restrooms, and painting and repair of the electrical wiring of the pavilion.

Rota's projects include the repair of the MVA office, the pavilion, and other facilities at the Tweksberry Beach, Swimming Hole, and Mt. Sabana. It also includes installing railings—for safety purposes—at the As Nieves Latte Stone Quarry and Bird Sanctuary, repainting of the old Japanese canon, and restoration of the Japanese Sugar train.

'We need money to make money'

The entry of low cost carriers Jin Air, Philippine Airlines Express, and Hong Kong Airlines gave the CNMI an estimated additional 2,000 air seats coming from various destinations. Jin Air has daily flights from Seoul to Saipan while PAL Express has twice-a-week trips from Manila.

Jin Air started their flights last June 9, while PAL Express followed on June 16. Hong Kong Airlines, which will also have two times a week trips from Hong Kong, will have its inaugural flight on July 7.

Aldan-Pierce said MVA's funding comes from the annual budget from the government and taxes from the hotel. "It takes money to make money. We urge our elected leaders not to decrease MVA's budget. MVA, the national tourism office, makes money for the Commonwealth."



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT AS GUARDIAN OF THE ESTATE OF: Damien Raphael Reyes Camacho 10/24/2001 Minor Child by Cynthia Reyes Camacho Petitioner	))))))))))))	FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0270 **NOTICE OF HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for the estate of the above-named minor child by Cynthia Reyes Camacho (Petitioner), was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Superior Court before the Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on the 28th day of July, 2016 at 10:30a.m. or as soon as thereafter.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Employable energy

By PHIL YORIO
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Phil Yorio is the general manager of Micronesia Renewable Energy, Inc.-CNMI.

Every time an industry hits its ending point, the No. 1 concern always is employment. This reaches as far back as the whaling industry when we used whale oil for our lighting. When Rockefeller came along with the kerosene industry over the next five years the whaling industry virtually ended. It was the same with the horse and carriage when along came the buggy, and as we know Henry Ford with the assembly line virtually put this business, well, out of business. Where did all of the workers go? Were they virtually laying in gutters across America looking for work wondering the streets? Of course not, they were retrained and went into the next growing industry. This scenario goes on and on, the telecom industry, radio into television, and on and on and on.

Well if this is the case then every time a radical shift for the betterment of mankind comes along everyone should be afraid for their jobs. Being in the renewable energy industry this is a topic that often comes up and it usually circles politics. These two industries—conventional generation and renewable energy generation—are so close in nature as they both produce energy, except from a different source that the basic infrastructure is the same. So the natural transition from one industry to another will be virtually seamless. There are very highly skilled workers in our utility that the renewable energy industry as it grows will gladly take on these workers that with very little training will be very valuable to our industry.

As a 100-year-old industry finally is transitioned out over the next few decades, the next energy industry takes over. It's natural and it's happened time and time again in every industry, but the difference here is it has to happen. The renewable energy industry—if it did not transition into the leader on the planet in energy—we would not have a planet. Sometimes we all struggle with how fast technology is moving and of course change, but believe me we need this to happen and as our industry grows we welcome the experience, skill, and hardworking utility employees.

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WATER QUALITY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

Your 2015 CUC Annual Water Quality Report is now available on-line!

Please go to http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/CCR-2015.pdf to view what contaminants were detected in your water in 2015 and to learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water.

If you need the report translated, wish to speak with someone about the report, or would like a paper copy delivered or emailed to you, please call CUC at (670) 664-4282.

AYOOR REPOD

Yóómw 2015 CUC Annual Water Quality Report nge a llo on-line!

Uló reel http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/CCR-2015.pdf bwe ubwe weri meta mil ngaw kka re schungi llól yóómw schaal llól 2015 me ubwe bawl ghi mataf reel úlúmómw schaal. Amataffal kkal nge eghi auscheya reel yáayál me ghatchúl yóómw schaal.

Faingi CUC reel (670) 664-4282 ngare u tipeli rebwe seleti ngalúgh amataff kkal, kkapas ngali eschay, me ngare u mwuschel eew kkopiyal rebwe bwughi lló reemw me ngare afanga ngálugh.

GUMUAHA RIPOT PÅ'GU

I iyom-mu 2015 CUC Annual na Ripot Kuålidåt Hånum esta på'gu gumuaha gi on-line!

Put fabot hånåo para i http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/CCR-2015.pdf para u ma'atan håfa na contaminants manmasodda' gi halum hanom-mu gi 2015 yan para un tung'u mås put i hanum magimin. Esti na ripot ha sasahguan siha manimpottånti na imfotmasion put i source yan kuålidåt i hanum magimin.

Yanggin un nisisita i ripot matranslåda, ya malagu' håo kumuentusi håyi put i ripot pat malagu' håo kopian påppit u ma'entrega pat mana'hånåo guatu para hågu, put fabot ågang i CUC gi (670) 664-4282.



College students with Saipan roots volunteer at Karidat

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
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CORRESPONDENT

Lena Catherine Fox and Maryam Abidi don't remember much about their childhood on Saipan. Both of their parents worked as professionals on the island in the 1990s. The two college students are volunteering at Karidat for the summer and learning more about their Saipan roots.

Fox, 21, is a rising senior at Pomona College studying sociology in California, while Abidi, 20, attends Ohio State University double-majoring in strategic communication and women studies with a minor in human rights.

Fox, who was born on Saipan, left the island when she was just 3 years old and moved to Hawaii with her parents, Beth and Andrew Fox, who are both pediatricians. Her return to the CNMI was made possible through an independent research grant from her college.

"I don't remember anything about Saipan and I thought it would be nice to go back and learn more," she said. "I have this great opportunity and my school helped me get here."

Fox's research focuses on compiling data on homelessness on Saipan, which she says is especially prevalent in the aftermath of last year's typhoon.

"I spent the first week looking at data and now interviewing volunteers to get experience and get a better picture of homelessness on island," she explained.

While she initially did not know what to expect, she said that there are striking similarities between where she grew up in Hawaii and Saipan.

"I found a lot of similarities, especially with the indicators of homelessness and the immense population of people that are living without stable housing and how drugs influence that. "

For Abidi, her time on Saipan as a child is a blur too, but her parents, Syed Abidi and Farhana Habib, have told her about it many times.



THOMAS MANGLONA II

Lena Catherine Fox, right, and Maryam Abidi, left, pose for a photo with Karidat executive director Lauri B. Ogumoro at the organization's office.

Much of her time has been spent on intake for cases, coordinating translations, and administrative work regarding human trafficking.

"I've been planning to come back…and it finally worked out," she said. "Lauri Ogumoro (Karidat executive director) has been telling me about all the work Karidat does and it aligns with my academic interests and the kinds of academic investigations I do at school."

She was even able to connect the office with student translators in the mainland, whom she said are objective participants in the cases. She added, "Being here has been really fascinating… As an academic and academic intellectual venture and also for me to be on the ground doing work with people that need it and helping them get whatever limited justice we can offer them."

Fox and Abidi have also made time to enjoy the island's beaches. "The beaches are great the water is warm and clear. Everyone is really nice here," Fox said. For her part, Abidi said, "I can't remember the last time I saw the beach. It is nice to see the beach right after work. "

While both students will be leaving the CNMI at the end of the month, Fox and Abidi are keeping their options open when considering whether or not to return.

Karidat executive director Lauri B. Ogumoro commended the volunteers for their efforts. "It's been a joy for everyone to have them on board, they have been a tremendous help: they have accomplished a lot of different tasks like establishing a Karidat Facebook page, working on organizing our data for future grant applications and just quantifying the number of services we have provided in terms of housing and food assistance," she said.

Ogumoro urges those interested in volunteering to call 234-6981. Their newly established Facebook page can be found by searching for "Karidat" on social media.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff,	] Civil Action] No. 14-0192]
vs.	] NOTICE OF] AUCTION
VICTORIA D. DELA CRUZ a.k.a. VICTORIA DLC. CABRERA Defendant.	] and] JUDICIAL] SALE]]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 14th day of April, 2015, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **13th day of July, 2016 at 10 a.m.,** at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 312-4, (formerly part of Lot 312-R2, which was part of Lot 312-R1, which was part of Lot 312), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2115/86 the original of which was recorded 03 JUL 1986 as Document No. 86-1333 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c) to reject any and all bids.

2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.

3. Deposit and Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Bank of Guam.

4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 25th day of May, 2016.

/s /
Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Procurement, Delivery, Training and Certification of Brand New Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Equipment For the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport Project No. CPA-SA-007-16

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified companies to procure, deliver, train and certify brand new self-contained breathing (SCBA) equipment for the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Departments at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, the Tinian International Airport and the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport. Proposals are to include procurement, delivery, training and certification of equipment to each respective airport.

The equipment shall include the quantities and details and product specifications as provided within the scope of work. The scope and product data are available for pick up at the CPA Administration Office.

The proposals shall include the following:

1. Letter of interest;
2. Team Members;
3. Related past project performance (include commendations or certifications, if available);
4. Available resources to accomplish the project;
5. Cost proposal (in itemized SOW format); and
6. Valid Business License.

The contract period for procurement and installation will be based on the contractor's proposal. However, liquidated damages of $500.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the acceptance date without approved excuse by CPA.

One original and four copies of all proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with the respective RFP description to the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor of the Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, no later than 4:30 p.m., FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2016.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax and associated shipping costs.

The procurement is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold the contract award for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 40-50-225. Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Total cost for equipment procurement, delivery, training and certification	50%
2. Experience of the firm on similar or related systems	20%
3. Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff	20%
4. Timeframe for delivery, programming, training and certification	10%

Questions and inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals shall be submitted in writing and may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to Assistant ARFF Chief William Camacho at bcamacho@cpa.gov.mp.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer
Date: June 3, 2016

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PEDRO C. ARRIOLA, Deceased.	) CIVIL ACTION NO. 15-0194) NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR DECREE OF FINAL DISTRIBUTION) Date: July 21, 2016) Time: 9:00am) Judge: Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE PEDRO C. ARRIOLA OR HIS ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Luzviminda F. Arriola** and **Kimberly A. White**, Administratrices of the Estate of Pedro C. Arriola, have filed with the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands a **Petition for Decree of Final Distribution.** The attorney for Petitioner is **Charity R. Hodson, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 502607, Saipan, MP 96950.**

The hearing on the Petition for Decree of Final Distribution is scheduled to be heard on July 21, 2016, at 9:00am at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Dated on the above-indicated date.

/s/ **Clerk of Court**
Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs. MARINA A. CUYUGAN, Defendant.	Civil Action No. 14-0171 NOTICE OF HEARING ON PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 12, 2016, at 1:30pm, a hearing will be held before Judge Camacho on Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment in the above-captioned matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, Guma Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 10th day of June, 2016.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT/
DEPUTY CLERK

Zenaida C. Tuazon
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Saipan, MP 96950
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF AS GUARDIAN OF THE ESTATE OF: M.R.T. Q. 4-23-2008 Child's Name (d.o.b.) Minor Child by Zenaida C. Tuazon Petitioner	) FCD GU) CIVIL ACTION) NO. 16-0248) NOTICE OF) HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for the estate of the above-named minor child by Zenaida C. Tuazon, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Superior Court before the Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on the 14th day of July, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. or as soon as thereafter.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Sign up now for AMP's first ever Soldier Skills Program

This July, American Memorial Park will host its first ever Soldier Skills program.

Pacific Historic Parks and the National Park Service invite students from ages 8 to 17 to participate in this educational program that allows them to engage in skills needed by soldiers during World War II. Activities include map drawing, navigational skills, decoding, and fun physical training.

The program takes place on July 9-10 and July 15-16. Students between the ages 8 to 12 years are invited to attend from 9am to 11am and those between the ages 13 to 17 years from 2pm to 4pm.

Parents must register their child at the American Memorial Park Visitor Center in advance. American Memorial Park is open daily from 9am to 5pm. Session space is limited so don't delay.

Be part of this exciting free educational program that encourages youth to spend time outdoors at their national park!

To find out more information please feel free to call 670-234-7207, extension 2020 or email jovanna.mafnas@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

MCS' 4th quarter President's List and Honor Roll

Mount Carmel School congratulates these students for making it to the 4th Quarter President's List & Honor Roll.

PRESIDENT'S LIST
Students must have a GPA of 4.00 or above and must attain character marks of VG or above.

1st Grade
Calvo, Michael
Camacho, Kesiil
Catacutan, Cedric Earl
Castro, Christine Rosanne
Concepcion, Jeffrey Paul
Gragasin, Justin Andrei
Guerrero, Patrick
Lansangan, Leah Michel
Lobo, Mikaela Jane
Matsumoto, Akoni Jesus
Matsumoto, Naomi Skye
Melchor, Sarah Angela
Pangilinan, Nicole Angela
Propst, Kaden Christian
Reyes, Frank Anthony
Sasamoto, Enzo Umeki
Sasamoto, Hiromi Rosa
Sasamoto, Yukiko Kiyomi
Sulyman, Shaminur
Tenorio, Jose Clarence
Tomokane, Pedro Jose
Tudela, Elle Brie

2nd Grade
Aldan II, Jesse John B.
Atalig, Danika
Backe, Asa Vanessa
Battalones, Maria Corazon
Buenaflor, Oscar Bien
Camacho, Meagan Brylee
Cruzana, Joaquin Ian
Dela Santa, Heleyna Frielle
DeleonGuerrero, Nyla
Estella, Valerie Anne
Ignacio, Lance Peter
Javier, Lance Jericho
Lansangan, Lexi Marie
Maratita, Elise Divine
Matsumoto, Ayanna Faith
Mendoza, Mikaehla Paige
Ogo, Therese Joy
Pangelinan, Camron
Pangelinan, Joseph Brandon
Pangelinan, Mya
Pontiveros, Emmanuel
Quitugua, Damian P.
Rabauliman, Sophia Miley
Santiago, Gavril Myles
Tenorio, Jessiana B.
Tizon, Quince Emanuele
Tomokane, Peige Morgan
Travilla, Riana Joy

3rd Grade
Cabrera, Margaret
Camacho, Irie Kane
Castro, Elialyn Maria
Castro, Kenneth
Chae, Davina
Chang, Jada
Clark, Nathaniel
Gozon, Rafael Mykel
Kautz, Claire Regina
Lee, Hanseo
Lee, Ru Ma
Lobo, Angelo
Mallari, Audrein Jennifer
Mallari, Laizza Vianca
Mariano, Nicole Erin
Nicholas, Jalen Jeremiah
Palacios, Tricia A.
Pamintuan, Manuel
Patawaran, Breana Y,
Reyes, Chelsy Anne
Sablan, Aaliyah Victoria
Sablan, Kiana Cecilia
Santos, Dylan
Sasamoto, Hitomi Rosa
Steele, Lyssa Rae
Taimanao, Aryana A.
Taisacan, Nevaeh Sky
Taitano, Taylor
Tenorio, Malina Rose
Toskas, Ari James

4th Grade
Bocago, Ranasia
Dayrit, Jenarisa Mae
Gamab, Gwen Tiffany
Guerrero, Ruben Antonio
Lee, Ru Da
Propst, Devin Jordan
Sablan, Andrew
San Nicolas, Earle Gabriel
Sulyman, Shamira
Takayama, Lezandra M.

5th Grade
Cabrera, Kyla Monique
DelaCruz, Kina
Galang, Raphael Christian
Green, Lynzey Valencia
Hunter, Brissa C.
Muna, Breanna
Omar, Salina Jacklin I.
Ortizo, Brent Matthew
Palacios, Ryona Exsalee
Pangelinan, Manuel Jacinto
Sablan, Mathew Adrian
Sasamoto, Yurihana Rosa

6th Grade
Aldave, Lynette Anne
Ano, William Nathaniel
Bucalig, Fiona Marielle
Diaz, Jeremiah Jerome
Propst, Kiana Lei

7th Grade
Avendano-Woodruff, Katherine
Bachani, Tanisha
Hunter, Brandee
Mendoza, Mikee
Sablan, Penelope
Sato, Maaya

8th Grade
Borja, Kalea Lou
Bucalig, Francesca Marie
Chua, Jeffrey Yu
Ham, Jim Michael
Javier, Lleyton Andre
Lu, Yi
Pak, Nicole
Palacios, Alvin L.
Paul, Monita
Rabang, Katelyn
Taguchi, Julia Ikeda
Yamagata-Santos, Danielle Jaden

9th Grade
Attao, Alyssa Marie
Batusin, Aldwin Ray
Bobadilla, Jan Emmanuel
Castro, Rosa
Chinen, Quincy L.
Cho, Hyo Lim
Cunanan, Erika Gabrielle
Han, Louisa Sa
Macaranas, Dayna Lou
Moran, Matt Jason
Pangelinan, Rosalia Francine
Ramirez, Reica Jucel
Sizemore, Langting

10th Grade
Lim, Nathanael
Melchor, Jeff Matthew
Palacios, Michelle
Toskas, Jonelle Gwyneth
Usi, Monica Aira
Zheng, Theresa

11th Grade
Camacho, Keona
Chao, Shirley Minyi
Cushing, Arron Christopher
Deleon Guerrero Jr., Zeno
Doctor, Jaqueline
Han, Ya
Higuchi, Kai
Jun, You Jin
Kim, Myeong Je
Lee, Eric
Ortizo, Michael Roy
Santos, Joshua
Sasamoto, Shannon Rae
Xu, Xianodie (Rachel)

12th Grade
Amog, Quinn Ely
Diaz, Angelica Carla
Evangelista, Amalina L.
Iwai, Emiri Angela
Javier, Cathryn Jane
Jo, Hyun Woo
Lu, Wanying
Manglona II, Thomas Lee A.
Pak, Han Byeol
Pangelinan, Jonathan R.
Ryu, Sung Hun
Taimanao, Janika Therese T.
Toves, Markel R.

HONOR ROLL
Students must have a GPA of 3.66 or above and must not have any behavior grade of U or NI.

1st Grade
Cabrera, Risha
Esguerra, Maria Loreen
Jung, Maya Jae
Silva, Keanu
Torres, Jupri
Villagomez, Sage R.

2nd Grade
Bahillo, Ida-Candida
Cabrera, Zion Jude
Deleon Jr., Israel
Han, Kern
Hayes, Alana
Kapileo, Vivica Jewels
Palacios, Leighton
Paul, Nikolas

3rd Grade
Duenas, Quimari
Lee, Jamie
Silva, Maui
Travilla, Arturo
Villegas, Kimberly
Evangelista, Achilles L.
Paul, Francisco
Morris, Eugene

4th Grade
Ano, Natalie Gabrielle
Bang, Leo
Blanco, Elisa Ellen E.
Buensalido, Angel Lou
Chen, Jeery
Dela Cruz. L'wina Lynn
Deleon Guerrero, Ierlyma Nicole
Deleon Guerrero, Leland Isaiah
Doronila, Kyle Jay
Jung, Mingi
Lacap, Elisha Joy
Mafnas, Breanna Sue
Manglona, Aiyana Jade
Pangelinan, Destiny Jade
Reyes, Vicente Jose
Tasi, Siana
Tolentino, Leyonne A.
Torres, Maria
Villegas, Miguel

5th Grade
Apilado, Aira
Avendano-Woodruff, Uriel
Baldazo, Keehara
Borja, O'Hane
Camacho, Vidal Jose
Deleon Guerrero II, Serafin
Diaz, Carlo Crisdeo
Muna, Sienna Jade
Sablan, Aubriana-Maria
Sasamoto, Derek
Taitano, Tyler

6th Grade
Chong, Kevin Daisuke
Combinido, Jewel Monique
Duenas, Monique Laura
Guerrero, Christian Felix
Mallari, Vaughn Andrei
Schweiger, Theresa Rose
Steele, Richard Ramon
Tenorio, Mariana B.
Tenorio, Joshua Donovan

7th Grade
Ayuyu, Maria Pilar
Baek, Taewoo
Colombo, Daniele
Galang, Aldraine Angelo
Gatmaitan, Xavier
Guerrero, Juan Edward
Kang, Kevin
Kapileo, Mark Christopher
Kim, Daehun
Minami, William K.
Perez, Carmille Jade
Reyes, Kyana DLG.
Salvador, Vince Phillip
San Nicolas, James Patrick
Tomboc, Reuben Christian
Torres, Dominic
Tyquiengco, Auriana K.

8th Grade
Alcantara, Princess Luisa
Buenaventura, Riley Anne
Deleon Guerrero, William Blake C.
Evangelista, Aven Manny
Kim, Yu Dam
Malonzo, RB Jacob
Ong, Mathew Robert
Richardson, Matthew R.
Salilin, Dustin Ross
Sanchez, Ma. Charlize C.

9th Grade
Acosta, Ydylle Faye
Irang, Maverick Deniel
Jun, Angela
Lee, Seo Yeon
Leong, Giselle Ivy
Manese, Angelo Gabriel
Ocampo, Justin Gerald
Paraiso, Joanie
Sato, Karen
Terlaje, Maria Lael G.

10th Grade
Cabanting, Amy Rose
Kim, Min Jung
Kim, Taeyeon
Lee, Jae Hee (Herald)
Mendiola, Erika Marie
Torres, Cassidy Victoria
Villacrusis, Geuel Chrsitian
Yun, Seok Jun

11th Grade
Camacho, Eligiah Marie
Castro, Jose Antonio
Han, Da Young
Hunter, Brianna C.
Lee, Ho Bin
Lee, Jamie Jawon
Mizuno, Yuta Lee
Santos, Myles
Snodgrass, Nathaniel
Song,Eun Yong
Travilla, Jan-Nasia Jean
Xu, Wanzhen (Angel)

12th Grade
Deleon Guerrero, Lance Q.
Hirayama, Risa
Hofschneider, Stephen Anton
Kim, Kiyoun
Kim, Min Gyu
Kim, Seohyeon
Kwon, So Hyun
Lee, Janghoon
Santos, Alvaro Jr.
Soledad, Jaime
Takahashi, Mikiya ***(PR)***

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/FHWA-16-RFP-001

ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR ROUTE 34 ROAD REPAIR, SAIPAN, CNMI
PROJECT NO. CM-NH-0034(003)

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified engineering companies for **Engineering Design Services for Route 34 Road Repair Project, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).**

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-305** of the Procurement Regulations. This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001.

Any corporation or partnership "firm" must have or obtained a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Board of Professional Licensing (CNMI BOPL). Individuals and/or sole proprietors are required to possess a valid professional license issued by the CNMI BOPL.

The Request For Proposals (RFP) package will be available on or after **June 24, 2016** at the Department of Public Works, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office No. 214 Saipan.

A mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works, Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office No. 212 on **July 12, 2016.** Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, at telephone numbers (670) 234-9828/9838 or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **July 26, 2016.**

Proposals will be evaluated and scored bases on the following criteria:

1. Project Team – **20%**
2. Capacity – **20%**
3. Past Performance – **20%**
4. Local Knowledge and Proximity to the Project – **20%**
5. Project Approach – **20%**

Please refer to the RFP package for proposal content requirements; non-compliant proposals will not be considered.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"DPW/FHWA-16-RFP-001".** For proposers within the CNMI, one (1) original and six (6) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill, (formerly Emergency Management Office behind CHRB Postal Office), Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **July 29, 2016.** Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) calendar days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a **Notice of Intent to Propose.** Notices of Intent to submit proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, July 29, 2016 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and six (6) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked no later than **July 29, 2016** and must be received no later than **August 9, 2016.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked by the criteria provided in the RFP package. Discussions shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and evaluation criteria and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. If there are only (2) proposers, then the minimum number of proposers to be included in the evaluation process shall be two (2). In the event of a tie, the tied proposers shall be re-evaluated by the evaluation committee after further discussions of the submitted proposals and presentations. A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified engineering firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price can not be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon. The anticipated date for letter of award and notice to proceed is August 2016.

The successful A-E firm will be subjected to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245.**

The Government is not responsible for any expenses which Proposers may incur in the preparation and submittal of proposals requested by this RFP, including but not limited to, costs associated with travel, accommodations, interviews or presentations, or proposals.

This project is funded in whole by a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Contract award is contingent upon funding approval by the FHWA. All offerors shall be subjected to the provisions of the Federal Acquisition Regulations Part 52, Subpart 209-5, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters, March 1996.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any imperfections in any Proposal in the best interest of the Government. All Proposals shall become property of the Government.

JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/SWMD16-RFP-002

PEST CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE LOWER BASE TRANSFER STATION & THE MARPI SOLID WASTE FACILITY

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Secretary of Public Works, are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified companies or individuals to provide Pest Control Services for the Lower Base Transfer Station and the Marpi Solid Waste Facility, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-210** (competitive sealed proposals) of the Procurement Regulations.

The Scope of Services will be available on or after **June 24, 2016** at the Solid Waste Management Division office, Lower Base Transfer Station, Saipan, MP 96950. A non-refundable payment of One-Hundred-Dollars (US$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the Solid Waste Management Division office.

A Mandatory Pre-proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., local time, at the Solid Waste Management Division office, Lower Base Transfer Station on **July 15, 2016.** Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Enrique Dela Cruz, Director of Solid Waste Management Division, Lower Base Transfer Station, Saipan, MP 96950 or fax to (670) 322-2762 no later than 4:00 p.m. local time **July 19, 2016.**

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"DPW/SWMD16-RFP-002."** For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capital Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 (formerly Emergency Management Office behind CHRB Postal Office), no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **July 25, 2016.**

Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a **Notice of Intent to Propose.** Notices of Intent to submit proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **July 25, 2016,** and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via email to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 25, 2016** and must be received no later **August 03, 2016.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of proposal.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offer. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

The firm selected will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section **70-30.3-245** and must be able to obtain a CNMI Business License prior to contract award.

Procurement of these services is made in accordance with NMIAC Section **70-30.3-210** of the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Proposals for the project will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Technical Requirements:
1. Qualifications of the Pest Control Firm: 40%
2. Past Experience or equivalent on Similar Projects: 40%
3. Current Workload and ability to commit to the Scope of Work: 10%
4. Cost: 10%

Price is also a factor that will be considered and will be evaluated in comparison with the overall merit of the proposals. Technical merit is more important than price and the Government reserves the right to award to other than the lowest proposer. As proposals become more equal in technical merit, the importance of price will increase.

Award shall be made to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined in writing to be most advantageous to the government taking into consideration price and the evaluation factors set forth in this request for proposal. No other factors or criteria shall be used in the evaluation.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfection in a proposal if in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

CRIME OF THE WEEK

Wanted: Gilbert Sablan Pinaula

Crime Stoppers is seeking the public's help for a wanted person. On Tuesday, June 28, 2016, Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo signed an arrest warrant for Gilbert Sablan Pinaula, age 44. The charges include disturbing the peace, assault and battery, and sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree. Cash bail has been set for $25,000.



Police officers have searched for and have been unable to locate Gilbert S. Pinaula at his residence and locations he frequents. Pinaula's family and friends have been contacted and he is still at large.

Pinaula, a local Chamorro male with multiple tattoos, is also described as the following:

Height: 5'2" tall
Weight: 150 lbs.
Hair: Brown hair
Eyes: Brown
Facial hair: Mustache and may have a short goatee

The Department of Public Safety and Crime Stoppers need your help. Please contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 should you want to remain anonymous or use our website at www.nmicrimestoppers.net.

Crime Stoppers pays up to $1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. It pays to call.

Anyone having information about these crimes, or any other crimes, please call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Military training at FDM

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center, in conjunction with U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (N3) Guam, would like to inform the general public that the U.S. Military Unit will be conducting military exercises at Farollon de Mendinilla. The schedule dates and time are as followed:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	UNIT'S & TRAINING
July 5	12pm-6pm	FDM	69 EBS Military Training
July 6-7	11am-5pm	FDM	69 EBS Military Training

The general location of this activity will be at Farollon de Mendinilla on a 12-nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

Due to the danger imposed by these activities, Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres is strongly advising the general public especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators to stay away from these areas during the time and dates indicated.

The cooperation and understanding of the general public is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the CNMI Emergency Operation Center- Dispatch Center at telephone number (670) 237-8000, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0 or dial CNMI 211 for this advisory. ***(PR)***

260 Kids Camp to start on July 5

Church 360 in the Marianas Business Plaza will have a free Kid's Camp for children ages 4-11, Tuesday-Friday, July 5-8 from 9am to 12pm. The theme will be Super Hero Training Camp. The camp will include songs, games, crafts, snack, and a Bible study all having to do with the Super Hero theme. Please call 256-8171 or email flybjrew@yahoo.com to register your child. ***(PR)***

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY • CNMI GOVERNMENT
INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB16-DCCA/NAP-140
SUBMISSION DATE: JULY 27, 2016 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF A SERVER AND THIRTY (30) WORKSTATIONS TO INCLUDE INSTALLATION AND WARRANTY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS – NAP OFFICE"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMNT AND SUPPLY LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE COMMONWEALTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS; IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A BID IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL BIDS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ ROBERT H. HUNTER
SECRETARY OF DC&CA

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY • CNMI GOVERNMENT
INVITATION TO BID
ITB16-BECQ/DCRM-141-CIF SAIPAN
SUBMISSION DATE: JULY 27, 2016 • TIME: 10:30 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF A 27' BOAT WITH OUTBOARD MOTOR(S) AND A TRAILER FOR THE DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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/S/ FRANK M. RABAULIMAN
ADMINISTRATOR OF BECQ

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY • CNMI GOVERNMENT
INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB16-SNIMC-142
SUBMISSION DATE: JULY 27, 2016 • TIME: 11:00 A.M.

"PURCHASE AND ENGRAVE PLAQUES (SIGNAGE) TO INCLUDE INSTALLATION A PROJECT UNDER THE 13TH SAIPAN & NORTHERN ISLANDS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMNT AND SUPPLY LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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/S/ ANTONIA M. TUDELA
CHAIRPERSON

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified bidders to submit their qualifications and bids for the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AND COMMUTER TERMINALS SIX (6) A/C UNIT REPLACEMENT, PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-001-16.**

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2016,** at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of replacement of six (6) air-conditioning units located at the Saipan International and Saipan Commuter Terminals. Procurement includes removal and disposal of existing units scheduled for replacement.

The Project is being funded by Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for installation of all six units shall be **TWO HUNDRED TEN (210) CALENDAR DAYS.** Liquidated damages shall be imposed in the amount of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($500.00)** per day if the commissioning of the A/C units is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section 70-26 of the specifications. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Non-Collusive Affidavit" and "Designation of Subcontractors" as contained in the bid documents, with the submission of the Bid.

Bids and contract documents including specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($100.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CONFERENCE ROOM, Commonwealth Ports Authority Office, Saipan at **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2016,** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders shall be required to attend.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Each bid shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are encouraged to use the CD bid schedule form. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bidder must supply all information required by the bid documents and specifications.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either bid bond from a CPA approved listed surety company, a certified check or a cashier's check in the amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ ROMAN T. TUDELA
Acting Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: June 20, 2016

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ARFF BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO. 3-69-0003-23/XX.**

Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, JULY 29, 2016,** at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of the renovation of the existing ARFF Building, replacing the main ARFF bay roof, addition of a new observation tower with restroom and miscellaneous repairs all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in accordance with **Item G-100-3.2 (Contract Time)** of the General Project Requirement of the Technical Specifications. Liquidated damages shall be in accordance with **Item G-100-3.4 (Liquidated Damages)** of the General Project Requirements. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Acting Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($150.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CONFERENCE ROOM, **Rota Port Manager's Office** at 10:00 am, July 15, 2016 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders shall be required to attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: June 28, 2016

Saipan Community School hires new principal

Saipan Community School recently announced that Amanda Dunn has been appointed to lead the school effective July 18, 2016. Due to former principal Bobby Winkfield's retirement in June, SCS appointed Dunn to oversee planning and preparation at the school to ensure continuity and excellence in providing a high-quality education to its students from Day 1.

» Amanda Dunn returns to islands' 1st Protestant school



Dunn

"Amanda has all the qualities we're looking for in a principal—infectious energy, enthusiasm for learning, and a real ability to inspire students and the community.

"Dunn is the best candidate to lead Saipan Community School with tremendous credentials, who I know will work collaboratively with all stakeholders," said Saipan Community School board chair Russ Quinn.

Dunn taught at Saipan Community School for three years as an English as a Second Language (ESL) and Computer Teacher. Since leaving the school, Dunn has worked at Northern Marianas College in several capacities including: adjunct instructor, distance learning coordinator, director of distance learning education, and accreditation liaison officer and in 2014 received the NMC Supervisor of the Year Award.

Dunn is originally from Albion, Illinois and has lived in Saipan for nearly nine years with prior experience internationally in Bremen, Germany where she was an English as a Foreign Language teacher. She is a proud graduate of Oakland City University where she received her undergrad and Masters in Science Management. She is married to Trey Dunn, a Fisheries biologist at the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and they have a beautiful 4-month old son, Liam Otto Dunn.

Dunn said, "I cannot express how blessed, excited, and honored I am to be returning to SCS in this role. I have big shoes to fill both figuratively and literally. It is my prayer that God will guide us in this upcoming school year and give me the knowledge to be a wise leader. Saipan Community School is a private Christian school that was established in 1976 as the first Protestant school on the island. Saipan Community School is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International and offers a U.S. curriculum taught in English and has been consistently recognized over the years for developing academic excellence and character in a family friendly atmosphere. Enrollment is ongoing for grades K-8th. Please call 234-6687 or email: principal@saipancommunityschool.com. ***(PR)***

NMIS to presents 'For Men Only' wellness workshop this Saturday

The Northern Marianas International School presents a pilot workshop in the Community Wellness Series on Saturday, July 2 at 9am with presenter Walt Goodridge, author of the book *Fit to Breed... Forever!*

"This one is for men only, but you can attend even if you're the healthiest man on Saipan," invites Goodridge. "Get the information for a friend, for the future, or just for the fun of it. It doesn't matter if you're single, married or in a complicated situation.

In this lively, interactive workshop, Goodridge promises to share:

■ Why Saipan is the healthiest place in America...really!

■ The seven elements of your belief system that are making your sick

■ Four easy habits that will reverse aging

■ The one thing you are probably doing each day that makes the next line of vital interest to you

■ Three Jamaican virility secrets (never intended to be shared outside Jamaica!)

Goodridge's challenge: Are

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PROCUREMENT AND SUPPY • CNMI GOVERNMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO.: RFP16-BECQ/DCRM-110

SUBMISSION: JULY 18, 2016 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"2016 CNMI VULNERABILITY EDUCATION – VIDEO & RADIO AD, A PROJECT UNDER THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND COASTAL QUALITY"

THE SCOPE OF WORK IS AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER **JUNE 17, 2016** FROM THE BECQ OFFICE OR BY E-MAIL REQUEST TO erinderrington@becq.gov.mp.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP CAN BE MADE TO ERIN DERRINGTON BY PHONE (670) 664-8510 OR BY E-MAIL TO erinderrington@becq.gov.mp. NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, **JULY 07, 2016 CHAMORRO STANDARD TIME, UTC + 10 HOURS (E-MAIL IS PREFERRED).** RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A PROPOSAL IF IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL PROPOSALS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ FRANK M. RABAULIMAN
ADMINISTRATOR OF BECQ

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Removal of the Derelict Vessels Lady Carolina and Miss Saipan

CPA-RFP-016-16

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority ("CPA") is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals ("RFP"), and other contract provisions, for proposals from individuals, professional firms, companies and/or corporations to provide removal and/or salvage services to the Commonwealth in the form of the removal of the vessels Miss Saipan and Lady Carolina from the waters of the Commonwealth. The successful proposer shall facilitate the proper removal and disposal of the vessels in their entirety, in compliance with all applicable environmental, safety, and other applicable laws and regulations. Proposers are expected to submit a proposal for the removal of both vessels. Specifically, the vessels are not to be pulled away and sunk in deeper waters, but instead are to be removed from where they lay either by refloating and transporting the vessels for safe disposal or refit or by salvaging them piecemeal for proper disposal upon shore. Removal of the vessels shall also be done in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This RFP is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50, Procurement Rules and Regulations of Title 40 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the "NMIAC"). Title 40, including Chapter 40-50-225, Request for Proposals, is applicable to the process followed by the RFP.

The Proposal Package is available for pick-up beginning May 25th, 2016 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

The pre-proposal conference is schedules for 10:00 AM, June 17, 2016 at the Seaport Building Conference Room, Port of Saipan. Al proposers interested in submitting a proposal shall attend to gain additional information about the vessels.

Questions and/or clarifications shall be directed to the Executive Director's attention through email at cpa.admin@pticom.com at least 5 days before the scheduled pre-proposal conference.

Proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Proposal for the Removal of the Derelict vessels Lady Carolina and Miss Saipan, Project No. CPA-RFP-016-16.

Proposal submission must be received by the Office of the Executive Director, CPA at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd floor, Arrival Building no later than 2:00 PM, July 8th, 2016.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so, would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Division of Solid Waste Management under the Department of Public Works would like to inform the general public, particularly commercial refuse haulers, that P.L. 6-30 "Commonwealth Solid Waste Management Act of 1989" as amended by P.L. 11-103 (effective Sept. 9, 1999) and P.L. 13-42 (effective Dec. 19, 2002) governs the collection, disposal and management of solid waste in the CNMI. **Furthermore 2 CMC s/s 3514(a) of Chapter 155-30 (Administrative Code) clearly specifies the following:**

2 CMC s/s 3514(a) empowers DPW to collect and dispose of solid waste as provided in the Act, assess fees by regulation for collection and disposal of solid waste and establish rules and regulations to enforce its powers.

In addition, P.L. 11-22 "Commonwealth Recycling Act of 1999," an act to establish a program to divert recyclable material from CNMI landfills and for other purpose. Section 2 (Findings and Purpose) paragraph four partially states "This Act will require shared responsibility and cooperation between the Division of Solid Waste Management, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

Now, therefore, effective immediately, DPW Division of Solid Waste Management will enforce restrictions of recyclable materials and non-acceptance of prohibited hazardous items to be disposed of at the Marpi Landfill by both residential and commercial users. All recyclable materials and residential hazardous items must be disposed of at the Lower Base Refuse Transfer Station and shall be directed as such. Commercial waste haulers must ensure to inform their clients of this policy prior to providing services. Mandatory load inspections will be conducted. Likewise, commercially generated hazardous materials are not accepted at the Lower Base Refuse Transfer Station and commercial generator(s) must contact the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality for further information regarding disposal.

Recyclable and Prohibited Hazardous materials are as follows:

- **Corrugated Cardboards/ Office Papers/ Newspapers/ etc.**
- **Aluminum cans and foils (clean)**
- **Plastic bottles and containers (clean)**
- **Glass/Food and beverage containers (clean)**
- **Scrap Metals**
- **White Goods (refrigerators, ranges, washers, dryers, water heaters, etc.**
- **Tires**
- **E-waste (TV, computers, microwave ovens, cell phones, other electronic/battery operated devices, fax, printers, typewriters, etc.**
- **Lead Acid and computer back up batteries**
- **Paints (oil and water base), Paint Thinners, solvents**
- **Fluorescent bulbs**
- **Coolants**
- **Household cleaning supplies (muriatic acid, chlorine bleach, etc.)**
- **Pesticides**

For additional information, inquiries and available private recycling and hazardous handling companies, please call Mr. Enrique Dela Cruz Director of Division of Solid Waste Management at tel. nos. 322-2745 & 322-2760 or fax to 322-2762

Tel No's: (670) 235 – 5827 / 9570 Fax: (670) 235 - 6346

Scholarship to attend Mt. Carmel School up for grabs

Dubbed the "94 Scholarship" is open to any student that is enrolled as a junior for SY2015-2016 at any school in the CNMI, and shall be a senior for SY2016-2017, is eligible to apply by answering the question, "What makes you the one?"

The awardee will receive $1,994 toward his/her MCS school tuition. Applications are due by Friday, July 15, 2016, 11:59pm Chamorro Standard Time. Interviews will be held July 16-28 and the scholarship awardee shall be notified by July 29th.

Previous recipients and MCS outgoing seniors are Thomas Manglona II and Cathryn Javier. They led their school's involvement in the 2016 Marianas March Against Cancer. Manglona and Javier coordinated logistics, T-shirt sales, luminary sales, and overnight fundraising for their school.



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Last year's recipients of the 94 Scholarship were Thomas Manglona II and Catherine Javier. They are featured here at the 2016 Mariana March Against Cancer.



Jedi Knights, led by Thomas Manglona II and Catherine Javier, spearheaded the school's participation in the 2016 MMAC. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

They called the team Jedi Knights, continuing the *Star Wars*-themed Super Bowl commercial for MCS. Over 100 students and faculty took part in the even from 6pm on Friday to 6am the next day. Team MCS Jedi Knights was later awarded the "most money raised" under the MMAc Napu-School category.

General questions on the application and scholarship may be submitted via email to mcsclassof1994@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

BJ Cruz endorses Tony Babauta

Vice Speaker of the Guam Legislature and long-time Democratic stalwart Benjamin J. Cruz has given his full political support behind Congressional Delegate Candidate Tony Babauta.

The official endorsement occurred Wednesday night, June 29, during Babauta's kickoff fundraiser in Hagatna before Babauta's family, friends, and supporters.

"Tony has been a bright and dynamic political power for years and it's evident by his longevity as a professional staffer in the U.S. House of Representatives as well has his appointment by President Obama as the Assistant Secretary of the Interior," Senator Cruz said. "There has been no other candidate of his caliber for our island and I'm happy to endorse him in the upcoming primary election and encourage others to do so as well. He has my full support. "I'm aware that some in our community continue to ask about the IG report written about Tony. I've read it and haven't found any evidence that he was attempting to do anything illegal or unlawful. I think he has been one of the most aggressive assistant secretaries willing to fight for Guam and other insular areas. We are better because of him and I look forward to him representing us in the future."

"I am excited to have vice speaker Cruz endorse me and join my effort to become Guam's Delegate to Washington, D.C.," Babauta said. "I'm honored to have such an accomplished public servant on my side and willing to indicate to voters in the upcoming primary that they will have a choice and that his choice will be me."

Cruz is not only a former chief justice of the Guam Supreme Court, but also the first openly gay judge appointed by the late governor Ricardo J. Bordallo. He has also served as a former campaign chairman for Madeleine Bordallo.

For more information or to set up interviews with Cruz and/or former assistant secretary Babauta, contact committee media liaison Kara Cruz at (671) 987-1777 or via email at babauta2016@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

New book improves knowledge of climate change impacts on Pacific crops, livestock, and forests

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—Climate change will have a negative impact on the overall productivity of agriculture and forestry across the Pacific Islands region in the coming decades, posing a critical load on food supply systems, economies and livelihoods.

That is a key message in a landmark book released today by the Pacific Community (SPC), with the funding support from Australia, in the presence of representatives of more than 20 Pacific Island countries and territories at SPC headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia.

The book finds that adopting "climate-smart" methods now will allow breathing space to ensure the region's agriculture and forestry sectors can continue to meet the immediate needs of growing populations while future planning takes place.

Yet climate change may have a positive impact on some crops, including breadfruit, and such opportunities should be maximized where possible.

The 550-page book, entitled Vulnerability of Pacific Agriculture and Forestry to Climate Change, was developed over two years, with 23 authors contributing to its content.

Speaking at the launch, SPC Deputy Director-General, Dr. Audrey Aumua, noted that the book provides the most comprehensive assessment of the potential impact of climate change on Pacific agriculture and forestry yet produced.

"As agriculture and forestry underpin the livelihoods of millions of people across the region, and also account for a major slice of export income for most countries, it's vital that we improve our understanding of how climate change will affect these sectors," Aumua said.

"This new book we hope will become a well-used resource by environmental managers, policy makers, planners researchers and students as we continue to work together to address the climate crisis," she said.

The topics covered include observed and projected changes in the climate of the Pacific islands; the region's vulnerability to climate change with a focus on traditional food staples; export commodities; horticultural crops and spices; livestock; and native and plantation forests.

"Today's launch highlights the excellent work that is being done to improve our understanding of the impact of climate change on life in the Pacific, in this case on the agriculture and forestry sectors," Australia's Consul-General in Noumea and Representative to SPC, Paul Wilson, said at the launch.

"Australia hopes that the information in this book will be of immense value to agriculture and forestry practitioners across the region," the Consul-General said.

The launch was also attended by one of the book's principal editors, Andrew McGregor, who provided a comprehensive overview of the Pacific vulnerability assessment, which has recognized climate change as one of many drivers of Pacific Island food security vulnerability.

He emphasized that while climate change offers some positive opportunities for Pacific Island agriculture, the challenge is to take advantage of these through "climate smart" approaches.

Other drivers include non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and increasing reliance on imported food—issues highlighted at the Pacific NCD Summit last week in Tonga—as well as the rate of urbanization and declining soil fertility.

Among its findings and recommendations, the book highlights both the resilience of Pacific agriculture and opportunities to implement appropriate responses to accommodate the expected changes.

Other findings in the book include:

■ Although climate-related risks to forestry exist, in general the projected impacts for Pacific forests are considered to be low for the foreseeable future, provided sound forest management practices are followed.

■ Greater effort needs to be devoted to effectively integrating climate change considerations into sector policy and plans, adopting a strategic sector-wide approach that moves away from providing support project by project.

■ Increasing the level of coordination and joint programming among donors and regional organisations will help countries manage their responses and management efforts and increase their ability to absorb and utilise climate change finance.

The book is the second in a series of climate impact assessments by SPC for specific sectors, following a 2011 publication for fisheries and aquaculture.

The launch took place during SPC's 46th meeting of its Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations (CRGA 46).

Australia is among the Pacific Community members participating in CRGA 46 and the Australian Government is also an important development partner for SPC and the region.

Through their strategic partnership, SPC and the Australian Government are able to achieve sustainable development results that make a difference to the lives of Pacific Island people.

The Vulnerability of Pacific Agriculture and Forestry to Climate Change can be found on the SPC website. Hard copies may be ordered from SPC Publications by emailing SPC: pubs@spc.int. ***(PR)***

NMIS

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you fit to breed? Men, if things aren't working the way you'd like, the reason is simple—it's because nature has classified you as "unfit to breed."

Let me repeat. If you are challenged in the reproductive arena it is because nature has classified you as "unfit to breed."

And until you are reclassified as "fit to breed," your situation will continue or worsen!

The good news is that yes, you can actually change your classification!

The workshop will be held at 4th Floor Marianas Business Plaza (Nauru Building and "360" Building). Admission is $10 day of event or online.

For more information about NMIS, call Dr. John Joyner, NMIS education consultant, at (670) 234-6647. More information about NMIS can also be viewed via its website: www.northernmarianasinternationalschool.com; or Facebook page: www.facebook.com/northernmarianasinternationalschool. ***(PR)***

Korea strengthens ocean science collaboration in Pacific

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—Pacific Island countries and territories stand to benefit from the sharing of cutting edge marine scientific and technological knowledge between the Republic of Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST) and the Pacific Community (SPC).

The President of KIOST, Dr. Gi-Hoon Hong, and the Pacific Community Director-General, Dr. Colin Tukuitonga, have signed a memorandum of understanding in Noumea, New Caledonia.

"SPC welcomes this agreement to promote collaboration with Korea's main ocean science research institute to support sustainable Pacific development through science and technical innovation," Tukuitonga said.

"SPC and other scientific organizations are learning more all the time about marine environments, but there's still much to be discovered, particularly in the Pacific Islands region which spans the world's largest ocean," he said.

Under the agreement, KIOST and SPC will cooperate to create, share and apply ocean science, for example through technical meetings, joint lectures, exchange initiatives for experts or students, and by sharing samples or instrumentation.

KIOST undertakes a range of research, including many areas of geoscience, bioscience, physics, environmental research and hazard assessment, and has run a shore laboratory in Chuuk State, Federated States of Micronesia, for several years.

"It's only natural for our two organizations to form a sisterhood and join forces to solve common challenges by applying the latest science," the Gi-Hoon Hong said.

"We have some exciting projects coming up which we believe can contribute to strengthening science in the Pacific, including the expanded use of our world-first Geostationary Ocean Colour Imaging Satellite, which will cover the entire Pacific as of 2019. Also our new 100-metre research vessel, R/V *ISABU*, will be conducting expeditions to the Pacific islands region, and as it can accommodate 32 scientific staff, this is one practical example of where we can involve scientists from SPC," he said.

The four-member KIOST delegation visiting New Caledonia also included the Senior Director of their Marine Environmental Analyses-Remediation Division, Dr. Chang Soo Chung; the Leader of their Strategy Development Section, Dr. Youn-Ho Lee; and Ungyul Yi from their Strategy Development Section.

The MoU signing took place during the 46th meeting of the Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations (CRGA 46) in the presence of some 50 representatives of country and territory members of the Pacific Community and observers, including participants from the European Union and GIZ.

It follows the signing in March 2016 of an agreement between the Korea Research Institute of Ships and Ocean Engineering, the University of South Pacific and SPC to jointly operate a Sustainable Seawater Utilization Academy, with an initial project in Kiribati. ***(PR)***



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMPETITION WINNER CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Department of Public Safety Highway Safety Office recently awarded $250 to a group of students from the Northern Marianas College's Business Department who participated and won first place in an NMC student-wide competition to promote pedestrian safety and proper crosswalk safety light usage. From left, Chavel Green, NMC Business Department chair; Alina Cabrera, DPS HSO program manager; Margaret Camacho, DPS HSO officer-in-charge; Querlain Blas, Public Safety Foundation treasurer; NMC students Shawn Camacho, April Cabrera, Ronnie Camacho, and Limuel Bernal; and Barbara Hunter, NMC Business Department instructor. Not present is NMC student Mark Caacbay.

Improved numeracy across Pacific region revealed in largest ever survey

NADI, Fiji—The latest Pacific Islands Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (PILNA) for primary school children has revealed growth across the region in numeracy and some improvement in literacy compared to the 2012 results.

In this regard, 74 percent of Year 4 students were at or above the expected numeracy proficiency level in 2012 and this increased to 86 percent in 2015.

Similarly, the portion of Year 6 students at or above the expected numeracy level increased from a little over 56 percent in 2012 to almost 68 percent in 2015.

More than 45,000 Year 4 and Year 6 students from around 700 schools across 13 countries took part in the PILNA in 2015 which was administered in 10 languages, making it the largest ever assessment in the Pacific.

It was coordinated by the Pacific Community (SPC), through its Educational Quality and Assessment Programme (EQAP), in partnership with the New Zealand Aid Programme, and supported by Pacific Islands' education ministries, teachers and parents.

However, the regional assessment reveals cause for concern, particularly with respect to the overall performance of boys compared to girls, and to literacy.

The PILNA 2015 results show that girls demonstrated higher levels of proficiency than boys across the region.

Of note is the close similarity between the performance of Year 6 boys which is almost identical to that of Year 4 girls, particularly in the writing strand.

There was small improvement in literacy performance as students progressed from Year 4 to Year 6, with more students performing at higher proficiency levels and fewer performing at lower proficiency levels.

This demonstrates that schools are focusing on improving outcomes for those most at risk, however, there is still need for a continued focus on improving literacy, with just 46 percent of Year 4 students and 46 percent of Year 6 students meeting or exceeding the regional literacy benchmark.

The PILNA 2015 regional results were launched simultaneously today in Nadi at a Pacific Heads of Education Small Working Group meeting hosted by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), and at SPC headquarters in Noumea in the presence of representatives of more than 20 Pacific Island countries and territories.

"While overall the results are positive, the PILNA 2015 highlights ongoing challenges to ensuring that all Pacific children have access to high-quality education, and also challenge policy-makers to look at ways in which student achievement can be improved through education system responses," the Pacific Community Director-General, Dr Colin Tukuitonga, said in Noumea.

"Such evidence provides invaluable information for stakeholders to develop interventions and policies, as well as to encourage political support and community awareness in order to improve the learning outcomes of young people in the Pacific," he added.

The first round of PILNA in 2012 was intended to provide a one-time snapshot of literacy and numeracy achievement in the Pacific region, while the 2015 study monitors performances since 2012.

"The Forum Education Ministers endorsed the PILNA benchmarks of 2012, and tasked relevant agencies to determine the root causes of low literacy and numeracy levels in the Pacific region," the Secretary General of PIFS, Dame Meg Taylor said.

"Let us bring to the attention of our leaders where we are regarding literacy and numeracy levels, but at the same time, provide recommendations for effective regional interventions that can be facilitated to address the issues," Secretary General Taylor added.

Commenting at the launch in Noumea, New Zealand Development Councillor, Jonathan Rowe, said that they had hoped for something that would not just stimulate further debate and thinking on literacy and numeracy but to support the production of an international-calibre education assessment report that could be held up as a "treasure" for the Pacific.

"Countries have their own national assessments and mechanisms for gauging student learning outcomes in each national context, but there is still a need to benchmark against international standards, and the PILNA makes this possible. The PILNA enhances understanding of educational results by providing insights into variations in achievement between, and within, countries," Rowe said.

A key recommendation of PILNA 2015 urges educational stakeholders to review the evidence and trends between 2012 and 2015 both regionally and nationally, and consider intervention strategies for students performing at the lower end of the proficiency scale, particularly in literacy, with a focus on writing.

Education stakeholders are also strongly encouraged to identify intervention strategies that improve the achievement of boys, especially in literacy.

Speaking at the Nadi event, EQAP Director Michelle Belisle noted that the PILNA 2015 regional results are positive overall which shows that the focused efforts of ministries, teachers and education sector partners are having an impact on student learning,

"The information collected through the PILNA process helps to inform teachers, schools and education systems about the areas in which success is being experienced and those areas that require additional attention in overall efforts to improve the quality of education," Belisle said.

The data in PILNA 2015 points to why improving learning outcomes, in particular, building basic literacy and numeracy skills, must remain a common goal shared by all Pacific Island countries and territories, particularly Ministers and Ministries of Education, as well as development partners. ***(PR)***

Life & Style

GreenStay soft opening an immediate hit

It is an immediate hit after GreenStay's soft opening last Saturday, June 25.

"Sixteen out of 30 clients who have been invited to the GreenStay office have signed the deposit contract during the past five days, we are calling to invite more clients to come," said Cyril Song, sales account manager of Skywalker Holdings Company.

Vincente Laniyo, on opening day last Saturday, was GreenStay's first buyer after signing the house purchasing agreement becoming the first potential GreenStay family. SHC is hoping to finish the Laniyos' new fully furnished house before Aug. 2, the first year anniversary of Typhoon Soudelor.

According to Song, GreenStay sales consultants are calling to make appointments with all the existing clients from Phase I. GreenStay manages to extend to 6pm and weekend as well for the convenience of those who are busy during work hours on weekdays.

"GreenStay has five sales consultants that are ready for receiving all the clients," Song said. "When you come to the GreenStay office, your personal sales consultant will tour you around the office, give you more information about GreenStay, and hand out exquisite gifts as an appreciation for our clients."

"After being seated, your personal sales consultant will be addressing all your questions and concerns, giving suggestions based on your own situation and helping you get your dream house." Song added.

Once the deposit is signed, GreenStay engineers shall conduct land inspection to test whether it is applicable for construction. At that time, the clients can start applying for a bank loan and insurance coverage with the assistance from your personal sales consultant.

People who learn about GreenStay's house information from other channels, such as newspapers, radio stations, or Facebook, can also walk onto the GreenStay office for more information.

For more information, email greenstay.cnmi@gmail.com or call 233-8812 or check out the company on Facebook. ***(PR)***



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GreenStay's soft opening last Saturday, June 25, was very successful with customers lining up to sign deposit contracts.

Bubba Gump staff clean up at Old Man By The Sea

Over 50 Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. employees and trainers volunteered to participate in the Old Man By The Sea beach cleanup last Saturday, June 25.

The cleanup was originally inspired by a Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. trainer, who had been hiking in the area, and was taken aback by the massive amounts of trash that had washed ashore. Despite the grand opening around the corner and Saturday being many employees only dayoff, the "Shrimp-possible" team sprung into action. ***(PR)***





Volunteers pose after they hauled over 50 bags of trash from the Old Man By The Sea beach.
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Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. employees and trainers pose for a group photo after their cleanup at The Old Man By The Sea beach last Saturday.



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Volunteers spent two hours picking up all the plastic debris and trash that had washed ashore.

2016 Champion Grill Master to be crowned

The Micronesian Chefs Association has again partnered with the Guam Visitors Bureau for the much-anticipated 2016 Guam BBQ Block Party Champion Grill Master competition. With more than $4,000 in prize money up for grabs, the competition will be intense. Ten teams make up this year's line-up of competitors:

- Chef Paul-GCC with team captain Paul Kerner
- Pacific Islands Club with team captain Simplicio Taga
- Team Korea with team captain Lee Kang Yeoun
- Åsu Smokehouse with team captain Sonny Orsini
- Guam Barbecue Company with team captain Joe Okada
- Hide Yakitori with team captain Hide Morikawa
- Team Meskla with team captain Peter Duenas
- Ohana Hawaiian with team captain Jen Santa Maria
- Outrigger Guam Resort with team captain Gene Soledad
- Sea Grill Restaurant with team captain Alexandra Sanchez

The 2015 Guam BBQ Block Party Champion Grill Master Åsu Smokehouse will return to defend their title and will be pitted against other chefs for the bragging rights and the title of 2016 Guam BBQ Block Party Champion Grill Master. Competitors will be sampling tasty BBQ in the chicken, pork and beef categories and will have delicious BBQ for purchase throughout the event.

New features

The annual BBQ Block Party takes place in the heart of Pleasure Island. Don't miss this all-American-themed block party complete with an American Classic Muscle Car and Bike Show fueled by Shell and organized by Local Girl; the Hot Diggety Dog Eating Contest; Uncle Sam and the Firecracker Girls; food and beverage concessions; and the Miller Lite/Monster Beer Garden. It'll be a star spangled good time with live performances from Those Two Guys, Step Up Dance, The Phoenix Stars, as well as the Phoenix Stage Band.

Telo Taitague, GVB's acting president and CEO said, "The Guam BBQ Block Party in the heart of Pleasure Island is a proud way to celebrate the Fourth of July and the common values that make Guam a great place to live, work and visit. It's heartwarming to see our residents sharing the Håfa Adai Spirit with each other and our visitors at this family friendly event. We also get to the chance to sample and showcase to the world the great BBQ that Guam is known for."

Event organizers expect thousands of participants to turn out to enjoy this signature GVB event and will welcome global media representatives, generating millions of dollars in exposure for Guam. The Guam BBQ Block Party is family friendly and admission is free.

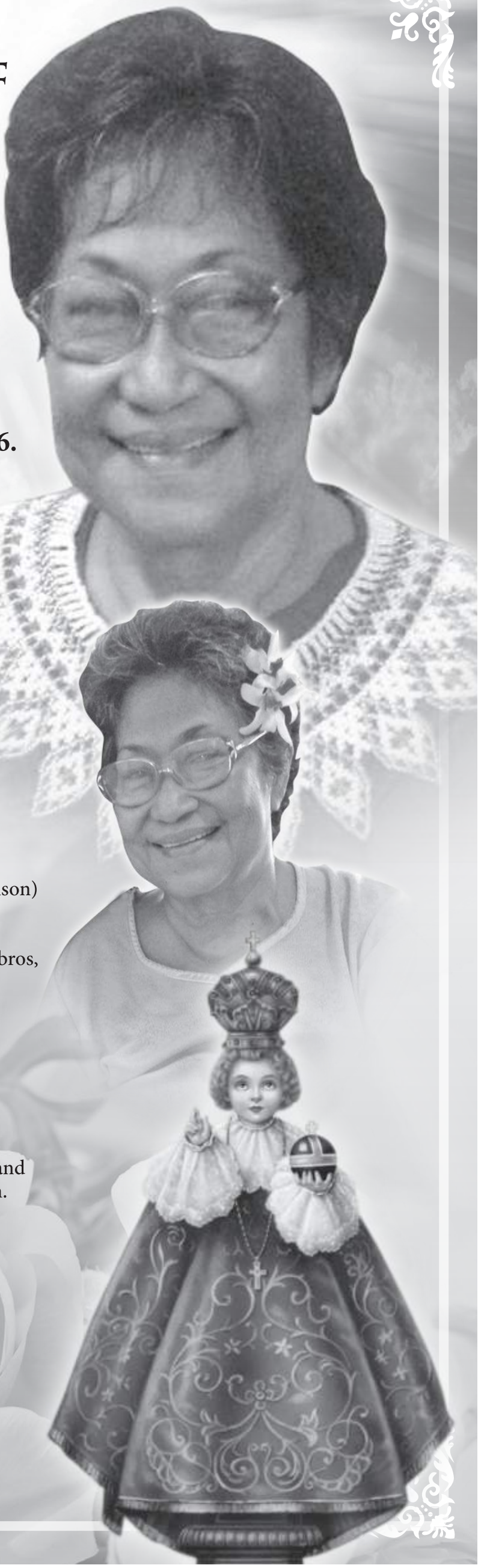
Residents should expect some delays in the Tumon area on July 2. San Vitores Road in Tumon—from the crosswalk between Under-Water World and T Galleria by DFS Guam to the SandCastle entrance traffic light—will be closed from Saturday, July 2, 9am through Sunday, July 3, 3am to ensure safety of event participants. Motorists are asked to drive with caution as there will be an increase in pedestrians in the area. Guam Police Department, with the support of GVB's Visitor Safety Officers, and the Guam Fire Department will be on site to help keep the event safe for all.

GVB would like to thank the Office of Lieutenant Governor Ray Tenorio and the BBQ Block Party presenting sponsors The Plaza, Sandcastle, Dusit Thani Guam Resort, T Galleria by DFS, and Outrigger Guam Beach Resort for their continued partnership in growing the event year after year. GVB would also like to recognize the supporting sponsors Hot Diggety Dog, Monster Energy, Miller Lite, Pepsi, Hanom, Triple J Fivestar Wholesale, Pacific Daily News, Deloitte, Shell, Foody's, and the Stations of KUAM. ***(PR)***

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Rita Teregeyo Kotomor Billy

"Leilischou"



Was called to her eternal rest on Saturday, June 25, 2016.

In her new life she joins:
Husband: †Rokucho Richard F. Billy
Sisters: †Carmen K. Olopai, †Joaquina M. Rabauliman, †Patricia T. Rabauliman,
Brothers: †Juan R. Ogumoro, †Daniel R. Ogumoro
Mother: †Maria Teregeyo Kotomor
Grandparents: †Enriqueta "Leimwai" T. and Isidro "Bwolongei" A. Kotomor
Reared Parents: †Carmen T. and †Juan L. Taitano "Agaga"
Reared Son: †Diwain A. Stephen
Sisters/Brothers-in-Law: †Merly B. and †Masao Mark, †Maria Ilibwe T. and †Dakasy F. Billy, †Sinchy F. Billy, †Abel R. Olopai, †Felix F. Rabauliman, †Solidad T. Ogumoro, †Estefania T. Ogumoro

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:
Children: Rose Ann B. and Antonio Ichiuo (Riella Ann)
Arlene B. and Own Cholymay (Hughen/ Jenn, John/Kayla)
Richard K. and Melchy H. Billy (Utalap/Luanne (Riann), Joseph, Simona, Benson)
Fredrick K. and Ann S. Billy (Florita, Retim, Frann, Robert, Aiden)
Renelynn Billy/Carter Smith
Children at Heart: Relina Ripis (Resemin), Jean O. Rabauliman, Sandy Hambros, Ning O. Santos, Mike Hambros, Sely Hambros, Resel Billy, Vincent Billy, Ruslynn Saito, Terny Niosamuch, Patsy Ewini Juliet Lepwach
Sisters/Brothers-in-Law: Festy Billy, Roda Billy, Desio Billy, Sataichy Roby.
Caretaker: Susan Genovata

She will be missed by her numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.
Nightly rosary is being prayed at 7:30p.m. at her residence in Gualo Rai.

On Monday, July 4th at 3:00p.m., her body will leave CHCC to her residence and followed by responso at 3:30p.m. Rosary will be said at 7:00p.m. and 11:30p.m.

On Tuesday, July 5th, the Eucharistic Mass will be celebrated at 10:00a.m. at Kristo Rai Church followed by the Interment Service at her residence where she will be at a peaceful rest.

Please join us in Prayers,

Thank you, Ghilisou and Si YU'us Ma'ase

Children and Family

Local brewery offers new craft beer flavors

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

Saipan Brewing Co., a locally owned brewery, is trying to introduce to CNMI beer drinkers locally made craft beers with local fruits—like mangoes and pineapples—as ingredients. Steve Sablan is the brew master of the young company.

And joining the Liberation Day Carnival is part of their strategy to introduce their product to local consumers. They are set to officially kick things off to high gear with a launch party on Aug. 27 at Naked Fish Bar & Grill in Susupe.

Tickets for the launch party are available at SBC's Liberation Day booth, on the international crowdfunding website indiegogo.com and at Naked Fish before the start of the event.

So far, there's been a positive response from the community—especially with the variety of flavors beer lovers could choose from—an indication that the CNMI is ready to embrace the craft beer industry.

"We want to introduce new types of beers. The beer drinkers' tastes are changing. Even in the mainland, there are a lot of independent breweries serving craft beers," said Sablan, who develops the products.

He's the one who does the research, testing, and tasting of the various beer flavors at their brewery in Navy Hill before it gets out to the marker.

SBC is one of two beer concessionaires that joined the Beer Garden in the Liberation Day Carnival, but is the lone participant that produces their own fresh brew on the island.



JON PEREZ
Saipan Brewing Co. brew master Steve Sablan, right, and Jay Wolf hold two growlers that they will be using in selling 10 of the flavors that the new local beer company developed.

Sablan learned how to brew after receiving a beer making kit as a gift from his wife while they were still living in California.

The kit just sat idly in their home for six months and he saw it again while cleaning and that's when he decided to give it a try. And the rest, as the old cliché goes, is history.

"I got hooked after that and that's where my passion about brewing craft beers started. That's why when I returned to Saipan, I wanted to introduce craft beers made from local products. A new beer that's unique on Saipan and freshly made." said Sablan.

He is the brains in concocting the various flavors and types of beers and said that he's been using local ingredients like coconut, mango, and pineapple. "I want to use local products especially the fruits that can be found on the island."

Coconut dark brown, mango pale, and pineapple ale are some of Sablan's latest brews, but he also plans to test using apples, bananas, and oranges with the hopes of introducing local craft beers to the local beer market.

They also have hard cream soda for "grown ups" that has 7.3 percent alcohol by volume content. It uses special grains to create the feel and taste of a cream soda, while the pineapple pale is ale aged with pineapples for a sweet finish and delicious aroma. Snakebites are cider and beer mix.

They also plan to sell their draft beers to local bars and restaurants with Naked Fish as one of the first on island to offer the local brew starting at SBC's launch party on Aug. 27, with beer-inspired food to be offered on the menu. Raffles and other giveaways await guests.

Aside from promoting the company through social media, Facebook, they also seek assistance from generous people to help their business get off the ground through indiegogo.com.

Another one of their promos is selling Beer For Life tickets at $1,000 each, where you get as much beer you can drink every month. There's also BFL tickets at $100 each where you get one beer every month.

Sablan is encouraging everyone to support local businesses especially small business owners. "There's lot of interest on our products that's why aside from selling kegs, we will also offer our fresh beer in growlers. We already have a logo for our products."

Growlers are dark brown-colored jugs similar to those used by moonshiners.

"We're going to concentrate in selling our beers first in the CNMI. If plans push through we would like to have a new bar or restaurant offer our beers every week. We will try our best to meet the demand," said Sablan.

IT&E is major sponsor of 2016 Liberation Day Festivities

In support of the CNMI's Liberation Day festivities, IT&E announced that it has donated a total of $5,000 to the Liberation Day Committee. The amount represents a combination of cash and in-kind donations.

"IT&E has always been a strong supporter of the CNMI's annual Liberation Day festivities, and we are excited to be signing on as a major sponsor again for this year's event," said John M. Compton, IT&E chief operations officer.

Compton is also a U.S. military veteran and a graduate of West Point.

The Liberation Day festivities in the CNMI include the carnival that features a number of vendors selling food, beverages, and other items. Throughout the weeks-long celebration, many entertainers are also showcased on the Liberation Day stage. The celebration culminates with a parade on July 4, 2016, which will feature the artistry, culture, and identities of many cultures and organizations in the CNMI.

"The Liberation Day festivities is one of the biggest and most-anticipated events in the CNMI that brings many people together to celebrate independence," added Compton. "We are proud that we can assist the planning committee by providing resources to help them put on a spectacular event." ***(PR)***



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IT&E executives and officers join 2016 Liberation Day Festivities organizers, candidates of the 2016 Liberation Day Queen, and Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang during a recent check presentation that saw the telecommunications company donate $5,000 to the Liberation Day Committee.

Teen sees trouble in photo of shirtless young cousins

DEAR ABBY: I'm concerned about a photo my uncle posted to Facebook. It features my two female cousins, ages 6 and 2, shirtless. I know no harm was intended in posting the photo, as they are both adorable girls. However, I find it inappropriate that the 6-year-old—who is going into first grade—was shirtless in the photo. Now that it is on the internet, it could be easily seen by a pedophile.

How do I express my concern to my uncle about this without coming off like I am trying to parent for him? I'm only 17 and don't want to overstep my boundaries, but as a caring family member, I am concerned.

NIECE IN COLORADO

DEAR NIECE: Because you are nervous about approaching your uncle about this, consider discussing your concerns with the children's mother. If your uncle is a single parent, then mention it to your own parents and, if they agree with you, ask them to mention to your uncle that his semi-nude pictures on the web may endanger his daughters.

P.S. Your uncle should be made aware that he can customize his account settings and make his profile private. That way, only family and selected close friends will be able to see his timeline.

DEAR ABBY: My neighbor is taking care of her grandchildren. She seems responsible and the courts have allowed her to be their foster mother. Her own children not only steal, but are also physically abusive. The court ordered the mother of the kids (my neighbor's daughter) to have no contact with them. Their father is in prison.

I am friendly with this neighbor and her grandchildren. I wish I had a way to tell her that her constant shouting and screaming at the kids is unhealthy. How can I help this family and these little ones? Should I just come out and say what's on my mind -- that yelling at them undermines their self-esteem and does no good whatsoever?

KIND NEIGHBOR IN MICHIGAN

DEAR KIND NEIGHBOR: Have a chat with your neighbor about it, if you can manage it without coming across as judgmental (i.e., accusing her of "undermining their self-esteem"). When you do, tell her you know she is carrying a lot of responsibility on her shoulders and she may be yelling because she's stressed. Then offer to watch the grandchildren for her once or twice a month, so she can have some quiet time for herself. If you do, you would be doing her and her grandchildren a great favor.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 28 and have been a licensed practical nurse since 2007. Although I've been a nurse for nine years, I feel incompetent and like I haven't learned much over the years. I pray every day I go to work that no serious situations arise because I'm afraid I won't be able to handle them correctly. Many people have suggested I further my education and become an RN, but I feel it would be a waste because I don't feel smart enough. What should I do?

WARY IN OHIO

DEAR WARY: I think you should challenge yourself and take some of those classes to further your education. If you do well in them, continue. If not, you can look for another line of work then.

However, before you do anything else, please talk with a licensed mental health professional to get to the reasons for your low self-esteem. Those feelings of inadequacy may be what are holding you back and preventing you from enjoying the important work you do.

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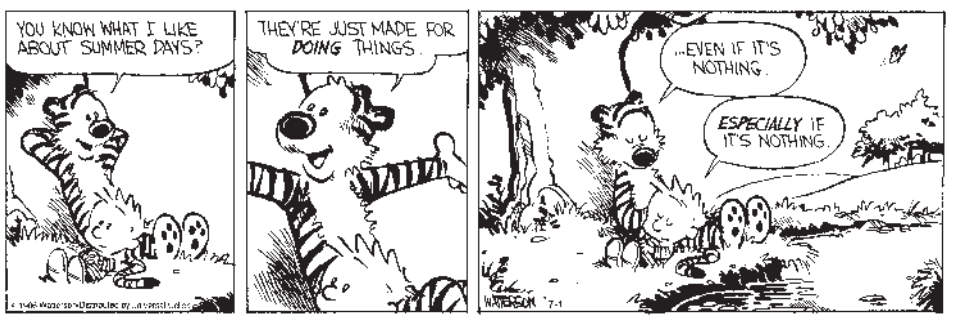


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Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



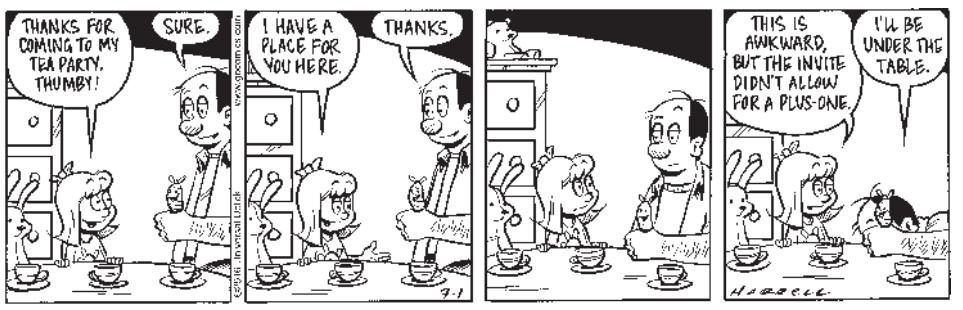
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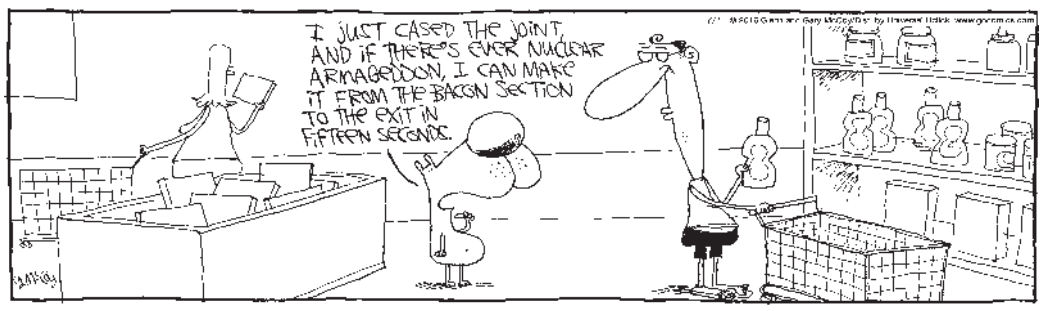
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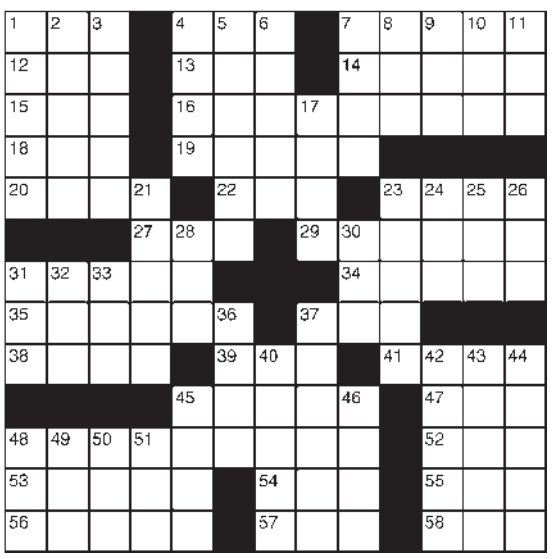
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22 Sashimi fish
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27 Raggedy doll
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31 Malia's sister
34 Fizzle (out)
35 Colombia's capital
37 "Acid"
38 Saxophone range
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41 Meditative practice
45 Scout unit
47 Monopoly buys (Abbr.)
48 Easy wins
52 Cudgel
53 Alpha's opposite
54 Lean- — (sheds)
55 Wall St. debut
56 Corporate symbols
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2 Like Gatsby
3 Columbus' birthplace
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6 Flatten, slangily
7 Feel sorry for
8 Joan of — PBS funder
9 Squid squirt
10 Bee follower
11 Egyptian deity
17 Google competitor
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23 Last (Abbr.)
24 Numbered rd.
25 Always, in verse
26 Rebel Turner
28 No. 2 execs
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31 "You've got mail" co.
32 Pvt.'s superior
33 Mystique
36 Spectate
37 Nick of "Cape Fear"
40 Planet's path
42 Jelly flavor
43 — Martin
44 "Jabberwocky" starter
45 "Hey, you!"
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51 Swelled head

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 7-1



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Trai Byers, 33; Liv Tyler, 39; Missy Elliott, 45; Pamela Anderson, 49.

Happy Birthday: Get involved in whatever is going on in your community that will make it a better, safer or more efficient place to live. The time and effort you put in will lead to new friendships. Plan to visit destinations that will enlighten you and encourage you to make significant lifestyle changes. Strive for better health, less stress and a brighter future. Your numbers are 6, 17, 20, 23, 32, 38, 41.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Keep your life simple and your thoughts and conversations concise. Only offer information that is necessary so you are not misinterpreted. A healthy lifestyle will help you avoid physical setbacks. Listen carefully and do whatever it takes to steer clear of arguments. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Take a mini-trip or attend a gathering of friends, family or people who share your interests and concerns. An upgrade to the way you look or how you live is within reach. Someone you love will welcome a romantic gesture. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't let anyone play with your emotions. If something seems suspicious, ask questions. Getting the facts rather than making assumptions will be important if you want to avoid making a poor choice. Change must be well-thought-out. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Say what's on your mind. Don't play guessing games, especially when it comes to love and friendships. A personal change will turn out better than anticipated. A fitness regimen will do you good if you stick to it. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Your ideas will clash with someone in charge if you aren't careful. Think before you say something that can put you in jeopardy at work or with someone who can influence your future. Keep personal information a secret. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You have plenty of wiggle room to make suggestions and alterations that will bring about positive changes. Whether you are helping someone else or trying to reach your own personal goals, now is the time to make things happen. Love is highlighted. ✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Take care of your responsibilities. Don't leave any room for someone to criticize you or make complaints. Show enthusiasm when doing something in order to help others. Make changes based on what you learn. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Play to win. Let your competitive personality take over and push you to success. No matter what you take on, your intelligence, strength and courage will help you come out on top. Travel, intrigue and romance are highlighted. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Someone with more experience will outmaneuver you if you aren't on your toes. Don't take anything for granted or take what someone tells you as gospel. Make suitable changes that will curb your costs and add to lowered stress. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Make plans with someone you enjoy spending time with. The quality time you share will lead to a positive change in your relationships as well as the way you live. A partnership will develop that will influence your monetary position. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Continue to work at something that can alter your income. A project you can work on from home or a service you can offer others will help you raise the money required to implement positive changes to your living space. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): You'll be better off working alone or steering clear of anyone who causes you emotional stress. Don't allow demanding people to ruin your plans. Gravitate toward someone you find encouraging. Personal improvements will soothe the soul. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are enthusiastic and fearless. You are competitive and unprecedented.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 7/01

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Federer ousts Willis; Djokovic eases into third round

LONDON—Marcus Willis's brief flirtation with Wimbledon fame was ended by Roger Federer as Novak Djokovic racked-up an Open era record of 30 successive Grand Slam wins on a day when torrential rain caused more havoc to the schedule.

Willis, the world No. 772 who had already played seven matches just to make a dream second round clash on Centre Court, went down 6-0, 6-3, 6-4.

"It sounds funny but I am disappointed to lose," admitted the Englishman.

"It's daunting. I was playing alright at first, I settled into the match. I was enjoying it. If I was playing well and competing with Roger for a couple of sets I was doing well. I've earned myself a beer now."

Only Federer and Djokovic managed to complete their second round matches on Wednesday after just 90 minutes of action was possible on the rain-lashed outside courts. Only 18 of the 62 ties scheduled for the day were completed.

Willis, who makes his living coaching children and senior citizens at a rowing club in the English midlands, has provided the feelgood factor of a wet, cold week in south-west London.

Having never played a tour match before Wimbledon, the sturdily-built left-hander, dubbed 'Cartman' after a portly character from cartoon series South Park, found himself facing a man who had won 79 matches more than him at the All England Club.

In an indication of the two different worlds they inhabit, Federer has career earnings just shy of $100 million, while Willis had banked just $200 this year and still lives with his parents.

But the $63,000 he earned for his magical run will ease the burden of a player who took to the court even wearing a shirt bearing Federer's 'RG' monogram.

Willis was far from embarrassed by Federer despite shipping the first set in just 24 minutes.

Roared on by his friends, who unleashed a series of adapted pop songs for his benefit, as well as his beauty queen-turned-dentist in the players box, Willis got on the scoreboard in the second game of the second set.

The 25-year-old left-hander had cheekily lobbed the seven-time Wimbledon champion earlier in the match.

But Federer, the holder of a record 17 majors, was never in trouble, facing just two break points in the 84-minute match and he took victory when Willis went long with an approach.

"Marcus brought some unbelievable energy to the court with the fans, his play and his personality as well," said 34-year-old Federer who next faces either Dan Evans of Britain or Alexander Dolgopolov of Ukraine.

Defending champion Djokovic brushed aside Adrian Mannarino, who was celebrating his 28th birthday, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (7/5) to reach the third round.

The top seed, bidding for a third consecutive title at the All England Club and fourth in all, will face either American 28th seed Sam Querrey or Thomaz Bellucci for a place in the last 16.

It was Djokovic's 30th successive win at Grand Slams, beating the modern day mark of Rod Laver and putting him just seven behind the 37 of Don Budge set in 1938.

"The record that I managed to break today is one of the better ones because as a professional tennis player, you always aim to play your best in Grand Slams," said Djokovic who holds all four Grand Slam titles.

"Knowing that I won 30 in a row, it's very pleasing. I want to keep on going. Let's see where it takes me."

Also under the Centre Court roof, Polish third seed Agnieszka Radwanska reached the last 64 with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Ukraine's Kateryna Kozlova to preserve her record of having never lost in the first round at Wimbledon.

Radwanska, the 2012 runner-up, will next face Ana Konjuh of Croatia.

Czech 10th seed Tomas Berdych, the runner-up in 2010, just had enough time to complete his first round tie held over from Tuesday.

He defeated Croatia's Ivan Dodig 7-6 (7/5), 5-7, 6-1, 7-6 (7/2) and next faces Germany's Benjamin Becker.

There were also wins for promising Austrian eighth seed Dominic Thiem who beat Halle champion Florian Mayer 7-5, 6-4, 6-4 while German teenager Alexander Zverev, seeded 24, saw off French veteran Paul-Henri Mathieu 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Two-time women's champion Petra Kvitova, the 10th seeded Czech, brushed aside Sorana Cirstea 6-0, 6-4 after needing just 15 minutes to take the first set.



AP

Roger Federer of Switzerland shakes hands with Marcus Willis of Britain, left, after beating him in their men's singles match on day three of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Wednesday, June 29, 2016.

Lakers selling their future, not history, to free agents

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP)—The Los Angeles Lakers spent the last few summers attempting to sell the NBA's top free agents on the franchise's glamorous combination of history and Hollywood.

From Dwight Howard to LaMarcus Aldridge, that pitch went terribly—even more terribly than the Lakers' last few seasons.

So general manager Mitch Kupchak is trying something new this summer: The Lakers are selling their future, not their past.

"I do feel like we have a lot more going for us this year than we did last year," Kupchak said. "We can focus a little bit more on the basketball side of it, because we do have more to sell. The franchise and the city have always sold themselves. I'm not sure we'll concentrate as much on that as we did last year."

After the worst season in franchise history and the retirement of Kobe Bryant, the Lakers have roughly $55 million in salary cap room to use in the free agent signing period—but the glitz and celebrity that once attracted the likes of Shaquille O'Neal aren't as impressive in the 21st century.

Instead, Kupchak hinted that the Lakers will attempt to attract players who are interested in getting in on the ground floor of the next big thing, not in joining Bryant in an attempt to climb back to the heights repeatedly scaled by this team.

Will it work? Even Kupchak isn't sure. At least the Lakers are ready to start their next chapter.

"It might not be different," Kupchak said, before quickly adding: "I think this year is different."

The Lakers are looking for leaders and contributors to join an interesting young core, consisting of No. 2 pick Brandon Ingram, D'Angelo Russell, Julius Randle, Brandon Ingram, Jordan Clarkson and Larry Nance Jr. The group is unproven, but undeniably intriguing—and in clear need of a veteran presence beyond guard Lou Williams.

"We didn't have as much to sell last year and the year before," Kupchak said. "And we only had enough money for one (maximum contract for a) player last year, too. So I think this year, we have more to sell. We have Julius, D'Angelo, Jordan Clarkson, who's a year further along, and Larry Nance."

Running the show is 36-year-old coach Luke Walton, a prized prospect himself after his standout work with the Golden State Warriors.

The former Lakers forward began his pitch to potential new players at his introductory news conference, emphasizing his knowledge of the team's tradition as he begins to change the way it plays.

"The future is bright," Walton said. "We're going to play an up-tempo game ... and we have money to spend. I know the Buss family, and I know the Lakers organization. They do what it takes to win. That, to me, is all you really need to know. I don't see why you wouldn't want to come here and play."

Mavs set to chase free agents again

DALLAS (AP)—The Dallas Mavericks again will seek major upgrades in free agency, a year after DeAndre Jordan's jolting change of heart ruined their plans.

They're going after another center, too.

Miami's Hassan Whiteside is expected to be among the top targets for Dallas, along with Memphis point guard Mike Conley. And those pursuits are likely to jeopardize Chandler Parsons' future in Dallas after knee injuries sidelined the versatile forward during the playoffs in both his seasons after Houston declined to match owner Mark Cuban's offer sheet in 2014.

Parsons opted out of the final year of his contract, along with star forward Dirk Nowitzki and point guard Deron Williams, who played one season with his hometown team after taking a buyout from Brooklyn. Nowitzki is almost certain to return for a 19th season in Dallas, while a second for Williams seems unlikely.

This much is set when free agency opens at midnight Eastern time Thursday: For the fifth straight year, the Mavericks are trying to reshape their roster without significant help from the draft. And they don't have a playoff series victory to show for the effort since Cuban chose financial flexibility over bringing back key pieces of the franchise's only championship in 2011.

"We're always looking to have maximum impact in terms of talent," president of basketball operations Donnie Nelson said. "It'll be the same."

The Mavericks chose a center—Purdue's A.J. Hammons—with their only pick in the NBA draft last week. The 7-footer went in the middle of the second round at No. 46 overall and may or may not be a rotation player depending on what happens at center in free agency.

That position is deep and includes Houston's Dwight Howard, who was at the top of Dallas' wish list in 2013 -- a year after Williams chose the Nets over coming home. The litany of misses was its most painful for the Mavericks last summer, when Jordan initially said he would join them before changing his mind and staying with the Los Angeles Clippers.

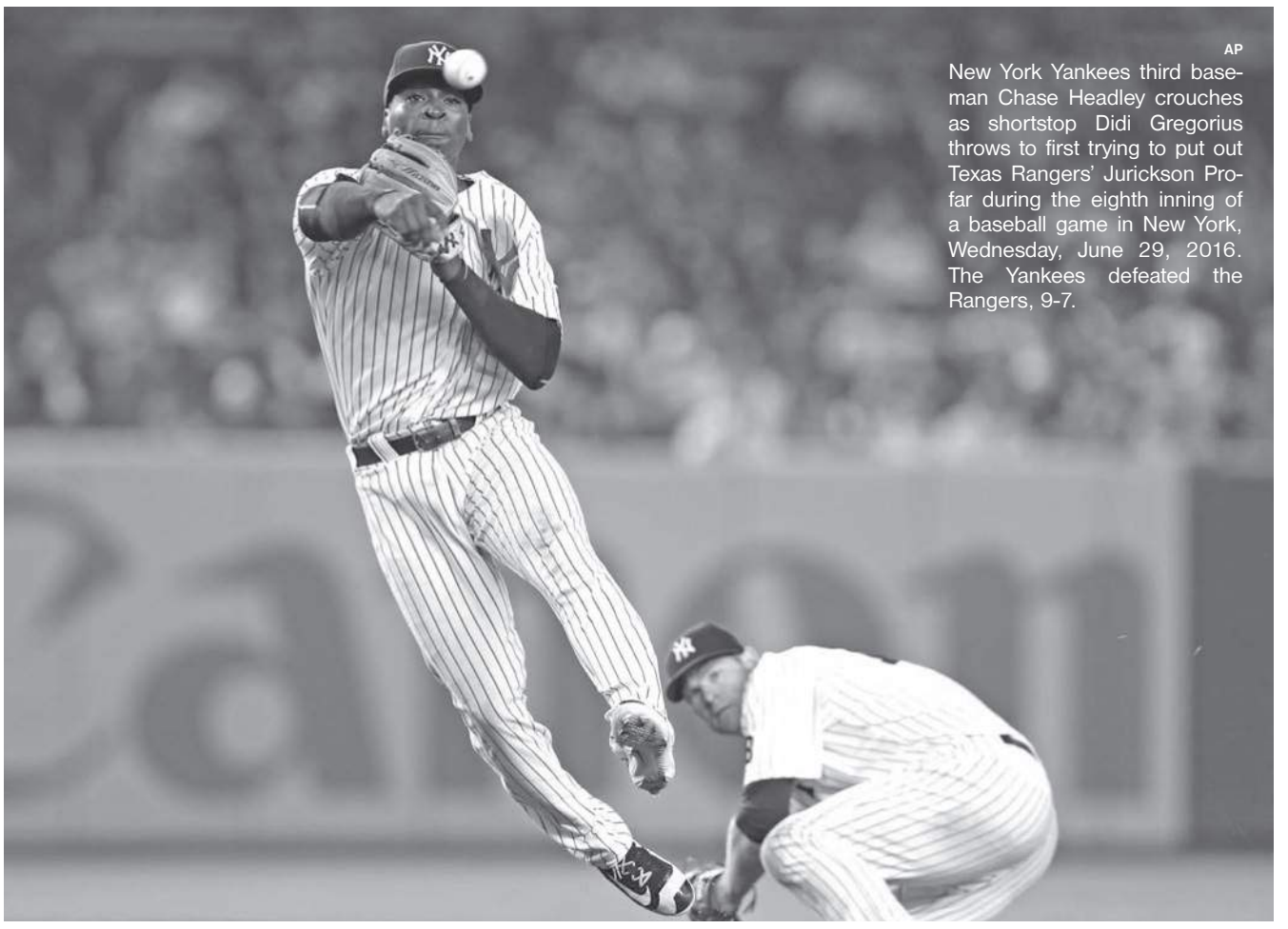
Yankees rally in 9th to slip past Rangers

NEW YORK (AP)—Trailing by four runs in the ninth inning, the somnambulant New York Yankees were on the verge of falling 10 games behind division-leading Baltimore in the AL East. Many in the crowd of 39,875 already had streamed out, convinced they had seen another listless loss in a season filled with them.

Those who left early missed an astonishing comeback the Yankees hope sparks the turnaround that has eluded them.

New York's first three batters reached, cutting the deficit by a run, and an electric seven-pitch span unfolded.

Brian McCann hit a tying, three-run homer off Sam Dyson, Starlin Castro walked and Didi Gregorius capped the six-run inning with his two-run shot, lifting the Yankees to a 9-7 win over the Texas Rangers, the team with American League's best record.



AP

New York Yankees third baseman Chase Headley crouches as shortstop Didi Gregorius throws to first trying to put out Texas Rangers' Jurickson Profar during the eighth inning of a baseball game in New York, Wednesday, June 29, 2016. The Yankees defeated the Rangers, 9-7.

Phillies 9, Diamondbacks 8

In Phoenix, pinch-hitter Tyler Goeddel hit a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning and the Philadelphia Phillies completed their first sweep at Chase Field in 10 years with a win over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Wednesday.

The Diamondbacks went up 7-4 in the seventh inning on Paul Goldschmidt's two-run double, but the Phillies rallied with four runs in the eighth to go up 8-7.

Cubs 9, Reds 2

In Cincinnati, Anthony Rizzo legged out his first inside-the-park homer -- another unusual moment in a series full of oddities—and Chicago finished a three-game sweep to get back on solid footing after a rough week.

The Cubs went 1-6 last week, hurt by an injury-depleted lineup and a balky bullpen.

Astros 10, Angels 4

In Anaheim, Jose Altuve went 4 for 5 and scored four runs to help Houston complete a three-game sweep.

It was the second time Houston has swept Los Angeles in the last two weeks. The Astros finished the six games with 37 runs.

Nationals 4, Mets 2

In Washington, Daniel Murphy homered twice, tormenting his former team yet again, and Washington completed a three-game sweep of the New York Mets.

Max Scherzer (9-5) cruised against New York's sputtering offense, allowing two hits with 10 strikeouts over 7 1/3 innings.

Rays 4, Red Sox 0

In St. Petersburg, Matt Moore pitched seven spotless innings and Brandon Guyer homered and drove in two runs in his return from a three-week stint on the disabled list to lead Tampa Bay.

Moore (4-5) allowed three singles, walked two and struck out five to outpitch David Price (8-5).

Royals 3, Cardinals 2, 12 innings

In St. Louis, Alcides Escobar hit a go-ahead RBI double just inside the right-field line in the 12th inning and Kansas City outlasted St. Louis.

Escobar drove in the first run of the game with a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the eighth.

Blue Jays 5, Rockies 3

In Denver, Aaron Sanchez allowed one run in eight innings and Josh Donaldson homered to lead Toronto.

Sanchez (8-1) allowed six hits, struck out three and walked two in extending his unbeaten streak to 12 games.

Orioles 12, Padres 6

In San Diego, Mark Trumbo hit his major league-leading 23rd homer and drove in four runs as AL East-leading Baltimore won its seventh straight.

The Orioles tied the 1996 Oakland A's for the most homers in June, 55. Overall, the Orioles lead the majors with 124.

Tigers 10, Marlins 3

In Detroit, Miguel Cabrera hit one of Detroit's three homers to lead the Tigers past Miami.

Cabrera hit his 18th homer of the season in the fourth inning, tying Billy Williams at No. 48 on baseball's career list with 426.

Indians 3, Braves 0

In Atlanta, Danny Salazar threw seven innings, Lonnie Chisenhall hit his second homer of the series and Cleveland won its 12th straight.

Cleveland swept its fourth straight series to extend the majors' longest winning streak this season.

Brewers 7, Dodgers 0

In Milwaukee, Junior Guerra allowed two hits over eight innings, Ryan Braun hit a two-run homer and a two-run double and Kirk Nieuwenhuis hit a two-run shot to help Milwaukee spoil Brock Stewart's major league debut.

White Sox 9, Twins 6

In Chicago, James Shields broke out of a slump with 6 2/3 innings against one of baseball's worst lineups, helping Chicago beat Minnesota.

Shields (3-9) allowed one run and eight hits in his first win since he tossed seven scoreless innings for San Diego at Milwaukee on May 12.

Athletics 7, Giants 1

In Oakland, Jed Lowrie and Yonder Alonso each hit two-run homers and Oakland took advantage of San Francisco's sloppy play to win its third straight game in the Bay Bridge series.

Sean Manaea (3-4) pitched 5 2/3 scoreless innings.

Pirates 8, Mariners 1

In Seattle, Sean Rodriguez doubled in consecutive at-bats and drove in four runs, David Freese hit a solo home run and Pittsburgh beat Seattle.

Rodriguez was responsible for breaking the game open in the fifth inning with a three-run double into the left-field corner off Seattle reliever Donn Roach.



Germany vs Italy: Heavyweights collide at Euro 2016

BORDEAUX, France (AP)—They're Europe's most successful soccer nations. They're arguably the form teams at this European Championship. They're the two countries that almost always rise to the occasion in major tournaments.

Germany vs. Italy: It's a game fit for a final.

Except one of them won't even get past the quarterfinal stage at Euro 2016.

The continental heavyweights—owners of eight World Cups and four European Championships between them—collide in Bordeaux on Saturday in a match that stands out for many reasons.

Firstly, there's the skewed history of their meetings in major tournaments. Germany and Italy have played each other eight times at the highest level and, bizarrely, the Germans haven't recorded a single victory.



AP

Germany's Julian Draxler, right, is held by Slovakia's Peter Pekarik during the Euro 2016 round of 16 soccer match at the Pierre Mauroy stadium in Villeneuve d'Ascq, near Lille, France, Sunday, June 26, 2016.

"We still have a score to settle with the Italians," Germany goalkeeping coach Andreas Koepke said.

Then there's the nations' current standing in soccer. Germany came into Euro 2016 as the world champion and, to many people, the tournament favorite. Italy arrived with what many back home were saying was the worst team in years.

The Germans have largely lived up to their billing, conceding no goals in four matches and hitting their stride with a 3-0 win over Slovakia in the round of 16. The Italians have silenced the critics with arguably the best two displays of any team so far, 2-0 wins over highly fancied rivals Belgium (in the group stage) and then Spain (in the round of 16).

"I'm not singing with the choir that wrote us off (after a 0-0) against Poland and is now branding us absolute favorites after the win over Slovakia," Germany coach Joachim Loew.

"They're not the Italians that we normally know," Loew added. "They're not only focused on defense but they play very, very well going forward. So ... I believe we'll have a very interesting, highly charged game on Saturday."

While Italy is battle-hardened after a tougher-than-average group stage and then a match against defending champion Spain, there's a sense that Euro 2016 really starts here for Germany.

Loew's side strolled through its group and Slovakia didn't prove to be a real test.

The Italians certainly will be.

Loew had his biggest disappointment as Germany coach when his team lost 2-1 to Italy in the Euro 2012 semifinals. He was assistant manager to Juergen Klinsmann when Italy beat Germany in extra time in the semifinals of the 2006 World Cup that Germany hosted.

Germany's barren run against the Azzurri in major tournaments started with a 0-0 draw at the 1962 World Cup.

"You don't prepare a game saying we won the one before, we'll win the next one," Italy midfielder Alessandro Florenzi said. "We went to work immediately after Spain, we watched the video and tried to find weaknesses in a team that doesn't have many.

"The facts speak for themselves, they're world champions, they've won so many matches, that's what gives them confidence."

Colts give Luck $140M contract extension

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Andrew Luck has signed the richest contract in NFL history, a deal worth up to $140 million with the Indianapolis Colts that covers the next six seasons through 2021.

Colts owner Jim Irsay revealed the contract's maximum value on Wednesday for Luck, the No. 1 pick in the 2012 draft who missed nine games last year because of injuries to his shoulder, ribs and kidney. Irsay said Luck would be guaranteed $47 million if the Colts were to cut him before the season.

"Obviously a ridiculous hypothetical," Irsay said.

According to NFL.com, the life of Luck's contract includes $87 million guaranteed for injury. There are many different ways to determine a deal's value, but Luck's has topped recent quarterback contracts for Baltimore's Joe Flacco and Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers. It also gives the 26-year-old Luck another chance to cash in with a big-money deal around age 32.

Before last season, the Colts exercised the fifth-year option on Luck's contract to guarantee him more than $16.1 million for the 2016 season.

"I am thrilled and excited to continue with this great organization," Luck said in a statement released by the Colts. "I am thankful to the Irsay family and Mr. Irsay for providing me with this great opportunity and the trust that they've shown in me. I can't wait for this season to start."

Irsay said the terms of the deal are friendly enough to the Colts so they could put a franchise tag on Luck for 2022 if they need to and not be strapped under the salary cap. The annual figures are such that the Colts should be able to continue to craft a quality roster around him.

"We definitely feel that we're never in a position where we're getting out of whack in any of the years," Irsay said.

Luck has been one of the most productive quarterbacks the NFL has ever had over a player's first four pro seasons. He tied Detroit's Matthew Stafford as the fourth-fastest to 100 career touchdown passes, in his 55th game.

Last year was a struggle, though. After leading the Colts to 11-5 records in each of his first three seasons, plus a 3-3 mark in the playoffs, Luck endured the worst season of his pro career and missed the final six games with a lacerated kidney and a partially torn abdominal muscle. He missed nine games in all, finished with the lowest completion percentage since his rookie season (55.3), and threw 15 touchdowns and 12 interceptions in going 2-5.

The Colts weren't concerned, though.

"We never even suggested it as leverage," Irsay said.

Luck helped hand Super Bowl champion Denver its first loss in what became his last game Nov. 8. The 4,761 yards and 40 touchdowns he passed for in 2014 weren't that far off. Neither were all those rookie records he set in 2012.

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The CNMI will play the title match today at 4pm. Guam will have another opportunity to move into the championship game provided it will win in today's 10am knockout match. Guam will face in the battle for the remaining finals ticket the winner in last night's match between Kosrae and Palau.

Guam began its bid for the first finals berth on a right foot, leading at 2-1, after one complete inning. Martinez put Guam on the board with his RBI single, while Ken Fernandez duplicated the feat. The CNMI, on the other hand, got its first run from Ben Jones, who advanced to first and second off Guam's throwing errors and then stole home, diving and avoiding a tag from catcher Jay Taijeron.

Mike Muna was the starting pitcher for the Commonwealth and after yielding two early runs, he got into his grove and the rest of the CNMI's defense picked up, limiting Guam's production. Muna allowed only one earned run in the next five innings and fanned out six batters.

Jesus Iguel scored three runs for the CNMI and his brothers Lamarc and Juan added two each. Verlance Secharmidal, Giovanni Mira, Brian Camacho, pinch runner Henry Lizama, Tomokane, Saralu and Tenorio had one run apiece.

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Guam last Tuesday and had a chance to practice for a couple of days and watch Macau's first game against Guam.

"The women's team had settled down in Guam and we watched the Macau-Guam game. We want to see our competition and understand what we're up against," team manager Angie Ito said.

The Commonwealth women's crew is composed of team captain Gabrielle Race, Alexa Vergara, Chevy Kate Alipio, Elaine Enriquez, Sarah Allen, Bernadette Horey, Jeralyn and Jeraldine Castillo, Lyka Sally, Mikky Vargas, Guinevere Borja, Chloe Salvosa, Dianne Pablo, Gillian Villagomez, De Jan Muna, Krizzel Mae Tuason, Carl Mae Ballesteros, and Taylor Knecht.

The group will be facing a Macau side that is reeling from a 0-5 loss to the host country.

Four different players scored in Guam's shutout win over the former Portuguese territory. Skyylerblu Johnson opened things up for the home team with her goal in the 12th minute, while Samantha Kaufman and Paige Surber hit the board in the 18th and 22nd minute, respectively. Anjelica Claire Perez and Kaufman scored the last two goals for Guam with the former finding her target in the 42nd and the latter getting her second in the 48th.

The CNMI will meet Guam this Sunday.

EZRA

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last Tuesday,

Samuel went to business in the second half to turn a close match to a 14-point win. The game was tied after the first half, 30-30, before Mark Cando and Jerome Reyes teamed up for Samuel in the second to move their team one win away from sweeping the round-robin regular season.

Cando finished with a game-high 34 points, while Reyes chipped in 18 for Samuel, which will play its last game next week against Gideon.

Gideon also won last Tuesday, easing past Caleb, 68-49.

Caleb now has a 3-1 mark for a tie for third place with Jeremiah and just a win behind the second-running Ezekiel (4-1). Caleb dropped to a 2-3 mark and is also in a deadlock with Joshua, while Daniel (1-4) and Isaiah (0-5) complete the team standings.

A strong and balanced offense in the second half lifted Gideon over Caleb. The opposing teams were in a standoff at halftime, 31-31, and then Gideon spread the wealth in the second to pull away. Five Gideon players scored at least two baskets apiece in the final 20 minutes of play en route to their 19-point winning margin.

Joseph Gatdula top-scored for Gideon with his 14 points, while Allan Chavez contributed 13, and Sam Ramirez and Willy Sacdalan had 10 each. Angelo Hernaez paced Caleb with his 16 markers.

In other results in the adults division last week, Ezekiel defeated Caleb, 65-54, while Daniel edged Isaiah, 61-56.

YOUTH
First Game

Ezra 50 — Borromeo 33, De Jose 6, De Leon 5, Buno 2, Hu 2, Guevarra 2.

Nahum 41 — Cai 22, Sacdalan 13, Wang 4, Bacani 2.

Scoring by halves: 26-15, 50-41.

Second Game

Joel 73 — Palino 22, Elchico 13, Ocaya 13, Ocanada 10, De Leon 9, Ibanez 6.

Hagai 69— Alonzo 20, Wang 13, Irog 13, Brillo 12, Gonzales 5, Battalones 4.

Scoring by halves: 37-37, 73-69.

ADULTS
First Game

Samuel 75 — Cando 34, Reyes 16, Francia 8, Brillo 5, Robles 4, Acosta 4, Saures 2, Gonzales 2.

Ezekiel 61 — Don Teregeyo 17, Tobribio 11, Eugenio 9, Bacani 8, Samonte 6, Marilla 6, Dela Cruz 4.

Scoring by halves: 30-30, 75-61.

Second Game

Gideon 68 — Gatdula 14, Chavez 13, Ramirez 10, Sacdalan 10, Darag 9, Deleon 8, Balte 4.

Caleb 49 — Hernaez 16, Gozon 10, Joson 9, Castro 7, Henson 4, Dequito 3.

Scoring by halves: 31-31, 68-49.

Lee fights off pain, enters semis in Fiji

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A hurting Carol Lee moved closer to her first ITF Juniors title as she notched a semis berth in the singles event of the 2016 Oceania Open Junior Championships yesterday in Fiji.

Lee swept Japan's Yuna Ohashi, 6-1, 6-2, to barge into the Final Four where she will face a familiar foe in Australia's Madison Bishop. The 14-year-old Lee played against the Land Down Under player in the Open Junior BNP PARIBAS de Nouvelle-Caledonie in Noumea, New Caledonia early this month and won in the semifinals, 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-1. Bishop arranged a rematch against Lee after pulling off a 3-6, 7-5, 6-1 victory against Japan's Misaki Kobayashi yesterday.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI's Carol Lee is still in contention in Fiji, advancing to the semifinals of the singles event in the 2016 Oceania Open Junior Championships yesterday.

Lee soldiered on despite injuring her foot last Tuesday, according to her father—Dong Min.

"She hurt her feet last Tuesday and I told her if she feels the pain while walking she does not have to play. However, she wanted to continue playing. I also got a message from the official of her team and he told me Carol is getting better," the elder Lee said in a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Carol's father added that her daughter and Palau's Ayana Rengiil had to pull out from their quarterfinals game in the doubles yesterday. Lee and Rengiil were scheduled to face Australia's Roopa Bains and Luciana Kunkel, who were awarded the victory and the semis ticket via walkover.

"Ayana had to withdraw from the game because she has too many injuries and the physiotherapist recommended she rest for two weeks," Dong Min said.

Meanwhile, the top-ranked Kaitlin Staines of Australia and the U.S.' Sara Tsukamoto completed the semis cast in the singles event.

Staines marched into the Final Four after easing past New Zealand's Stella Cliffe, 6-3, 6-1, while Tsukamoto also needed only two sets to eliminate Japanese qualifier Marie Shindo, 7-5, 6-0.

In the doubles, it was only down to two teams with New Zealand's Ivy McLean and Holly Stewart battling Staines and Hong Kong's Claudia Ng. The Kiwis moved into the finals after ousting Bains and Kunkel, 6-4, 6-0, while Ng and Staines foiled an All-New Zealand title match following a 6-0, 6-4 triumph over Cliffe and Ashleight Harvey.

Ezra, Samuel extend streaks in Genesis Cup



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Ezra's Nathan Borromeo unloads a running jumper against two Nahum defenders during the second half of their game in the youth division of the Genesis Cup last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Ezra and Samuel stretched their winning runs in the 5th Genesis Cup Christian Churches Inter-Color Basketball League after prevailing against separate foes in their respective divisions.

In the youth category, Ezra gained its third victory in as many games following a 50-41 triumph over Nahum last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Ezra led from start to finish, thanks to Nathan Borromeo's consistent scoring. The Saipan Southern High School standout fired a game-high 33 points to keep Ezra's perfect record and help his team stay on top of the five-squad field. Nahum, which fell to a 0-2 mark, drew 22 markers from David Cai.

In the other youth division match last Saturday, Joel moved up to a 2-1 slate after outclassing Hagai, 73-69.

Andrew Palino anchored Joel's offense anew after making 22 points. He also drew enough help from his teammates, as three other Joel players broke into double figures.

Hagai, which shares the bottom of the team standings with Nahum, got 20 markers from Seth Alonzo.

In the adults division, Samuel improved to a 6-0 card following a 75-61 rout of Ezekiel in the first game

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Lower Base barges into win column; Kanoa keeps lead

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The Lower Base Warriors snapped their three-game losing skid following a 46-41 victory over Mambas in the third match in the 2016 Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Ariel Jinang towed Lower Base to its first win after scoring 14 points, including 5 of the team's last 7 points. His triple late in the game kept Lower Base in the lead, while his pair of charities sealed the victory.

In other results, Kanoa Resort routed defending champion Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, 64-49, while Shirley's Coffee Shop defeated Pacific Oriental, Inc., 54-45.

With the win, Kanoa remained unbeaten in four games and strengthened its hold to the top spot in the six-team field. Fiesta, with its on and off performance, dropped to an even 2-2 card, sharing the No. 2 to 3 spots with Shirley's. POI fell to a 1-3 mark for a three-way tie for fourth to fifth place with Lower Base and Mambas.

Kanoa's Big 3—Matt and Ernest Duenas and Douglas Schmidt—delivered the goods anew for the league-leading team, combining for 56 points. Matt and Schmidt tallied 21 points apiece, while Ernest contributed 12.

Matt's 3 straight free throws and Schmidt triple at the end of the first half lifted Kanoa to a 27-21 advantage and the lead grew in the second, as they continued to hit their targets and Ernest backed them up.

Arjay Nonato led Fiesta's losing cause, making 13 markers, while Elmer Esdrelon chipped in 11.

In the Shirley's-POI tussle, Erick Dela Rosa powered the former to the 9-point win after registering 20 points. John Jugos recorded 11, while Jerome Pollisco logged 8, and Ariel Drilon and Angel Catungal combined for 12.

First Game

Shirley's 54 —Dela Rosa 19, Jugos 11, Pollisco 8, Drilon 6, Catungal 6, Nicdao 4,

POI 45—Tenepere 16, Arago 12, Yu 8, Santos 7, Ramos 2.

Scoring by halves: 27-20, 54-45.

Second Game

Kanoa 64 — Duenas 21, Schmidt 21, Duenas 12, Sacramento 5, Pablo 3, Rabauliman 2.

Fiesta 49 —Nonato 13, Esdrelon 11, Maratita 9, Matsutaro 7, Rivera 5, Vivero 2, Macoto 2.

Scoring by halves: 27-21, 64-49.

Third Game

Lower Base 46 — Jinang 14, Garcia 8, W. Benavente 7, Salazar 4, Banizero 4, Alegre 3, Sablan 2, Ilago 2.

Mambas 41 — De La Torre 13, Raho 8, Pagarao 7, Ong 4, Chan 3, D. Angeles 2, Rabago 2.

Scoring by halves: 18-15, 46-41.



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Lower Base's William Benavente, center, is doubled team by two POI defenders during their game in the Tan Holdings caging last week at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



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CNMI clinches finals berth

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The CNMI inched closer to the championship after beating Guam, 15-5, in the semifinal game in the Inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic yesterday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The host team won the battle for the first finals ticket an inning earlier after a strong finish as they collected eight runs in the last three.

The Commonwealth bets were just ahead by 3 after five complete innings, 7-4, when an RBI single from third baseman Nokki Saralu at the bottom of the sixth made it an 8-4 advantage. Guam got the one run back at the top of the seventh off Mike Peredo's RBI single, however the CNMI countered with a seven-run bottom to set up the early victory via 10-run mercy rule.

Ben Jones led the CNMI in the pivotal top of the seventh inning, as he blasted a two-run double. The host went on to get three more earned runs, thanks to Anthony Tenorio and Lamarc Iguel's RBI single each and a sacrifice out from Saralu. Tenorio also reached in that inning off Guam's error at center field.

Now down by 9, 5-14, Guam needed all the runs it could get at the top of the eighth to stay in the game. The visiting team had a chance to score with leadoff batter Ryan Martinez making a double and stealing third with two outs before he was left stranded as CNMI closer Jose Lizama struck out Miller Santos.

With Guam failing to reach home, it was the Commonwealth's turn to score—just one run—to wrap up the match and advance to the finals. Tomokane led off for the CNMI at the bottom of the eighth and walked before he was beaten to second base. LaMarc Iguel was next and moved to first on a fielder's choice and stole second. The short stop then made it to third off an error from Guam catcher Vincente Quenga and finally scored the game-winning run off another miscue (shortstop Jathan Barnes fumbled) from the visiting team.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The CNMI's Ben Jones looks up to the umpire after diving to home plate during the bottom of the first inning of their semis game against Guam in the Inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic yesterday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Schuler scores in CNMI loss to Chinese-Taipei

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Reliever Kirk Schuler saved the CNMI Men's National Team from a shutout loss to Chinese-Taipei after scoring in the second half of the lopsided match in the EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2017 Round 1 yesterday at the Guam Football Association National Training Center in Dededo.

Schuler, who came to play early in the final half, scored off a header in the 90th minute from Joel Fruit's free kick and his goal came after Chinese-Taipei opened a 7-0 advantage. The Taiwanese went on to take an 8-1 victory as Chieh-Hsun Lin found the back of the net two minutes after Schuler put the CNMI on the board.

It was Lin's third straight goal in the second half with his first two recorded in the 63rd and 81st minute. The Chinese-Taipei's starting midfielder had a total of four goals as he knocked in one in the 40th minute.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Kirk Schuler, seen here performing drills during the CNMI Men's National Team's practice last Wednesday, scored in the Blue Ayuyus 1-8 loss to Chinese-Taipei during their debut game in the EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2017 Round 1 yesterday at the Guam Football Association National Training Center in Dededo.

Before Chinese-Taipei's goals rush, the CNMI managed to hold its ground on defense in the majority of the first half as the former registered its first goal in the 30th minute off forward Chun-Ching Wu's shot. Six minutes later, defender Wei-Chuan Chen made it a 2-0 lead, while Lin earned his first goal before another defender, Yi-Wei Chen, closed out for the Taiwanese in the last minute of the opening half for their promising 4-0 advantage.

Chinese-Taipei broke away further in the second half with Lin's string of goals and another one from Wu (56th minute).

With the loss, the CNMI is pressured to win its last two games—against Macau on Saturday and versus Mongolia on Monday—to stay in contention. Only the top finisher in the four-nation tournament will advance to Round 2, which will be played in November this year.

Macau and Mongolia had their first game last Wednesday and their duel ended in a 2-2 draw. Bayarjargal Oyunbat scored a pair of goals for Mongolia, while Macau drew one goal each from Ka Hang Leong and Filipe Miguel Cordeiro Duarte.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The CNMI's Guinevere Borja uses her knee to stop the ball during a practice session at the Oleai Sports Complex Field last week. Borja and company will meet Macau in their first game today.

In its debut last night, the Blue Ayuyus had Fruit, goalkeeper Johan Noetzel, Clayton Izuka, Trey Dunn, Enrico Del Rosario, Jehn Joyner, Jonathan Takano, Peter Loken, Joe Miller, and Michah Griffin as starters. Completing the team are Darin Kaizer, Hunter Jewell, Evan Belcher, Alan Hinson, James Ermitanio, and Chris Aninzo.

Women's team debuts vs Macau today

The CNMI Women's National Team will play its first match today against Macau.

Game time is at 5pm.

The Luem Khen Koo-coached squad arrived in

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